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A few years back, a flighty, hippyish friend of mine invited me to what she called 'a new beginnings party,' to celebrate her new job, new relationship and new home. The very thought had me running for the hills, least she try and feed me carob and herbal tea. But the idea got me thinking - everyone else would have you believe that January is the time for change, but for me, that contented feeling of moving forward begins in December. It's this month that pushes you to do what is normally taken up by work or the internet - you actually take the time to think about your friends and family, to scrabble around and find out what they're interested in these days so you can buy them a half decent gift. And although it's stressful, there's something wonderful about having one time of year that forces on the breaks and pull us kicking and screaming out of routine. One of the best advertisements for 'new beginnings' I have ever encountered is Tamara Rojo, the new artistic director of the English National Ballet, who, in just a few short months, has transformed the institution with her artful, pragmatic approach. For those lucky enough to have experienced a Royal Ballet production, Rojo needs no introduction. She is considered the best ballerina in Britain. Following her appointment, many eschewed the idea that she should waste her talent arguing in a boardroom. But as she tells us on page 22, Rojo has no intention of shelving her ballet career and is currently preparing to take the stage as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the ENB's production of The Nutcracker. To celebrate, we took to the ice with Rojo's troupe of ballerinas for a freezing photo shoot outside the Natural History Museum. As we waited for the set up, The Nutcracker himself treated us to a spot of light break-dancing on the ice rink. Now what could be more festive than that?

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SATURDAY

01 The Chickenshed theatre will be presenting their popular production, Christmas Tales, created especially for zero to seven year olds this month. Expect festive songs, puppeteering and interactive performances. The Chelsea Academy, Lots Road, SW10 020 8292 9222 chickenshed.org.uk

WEDNESDAY

05 The Westminster Befriend a Family charity will be hosting a Christmas family concert this month in order to raise money for disadvantaged children and families throughout Westminster. The concert will take place at Grosvenor Chapel. 24 South Audley Street W1K 2PA

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THURSDAY

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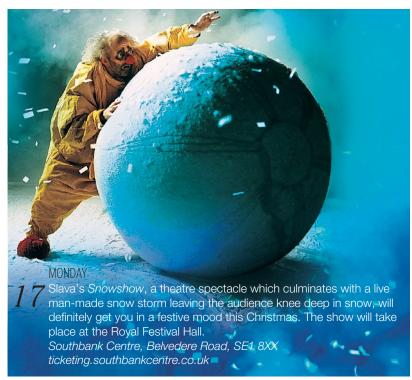


David Dimbleby, Peter Bowles $14^{\,}$ and Richard Ingrams will all be taking part in a Christmas Carol Service which is being held in support of The Passage homeless charity at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey this month. Tickets are available from The Passage. tickets@passage.org.uk

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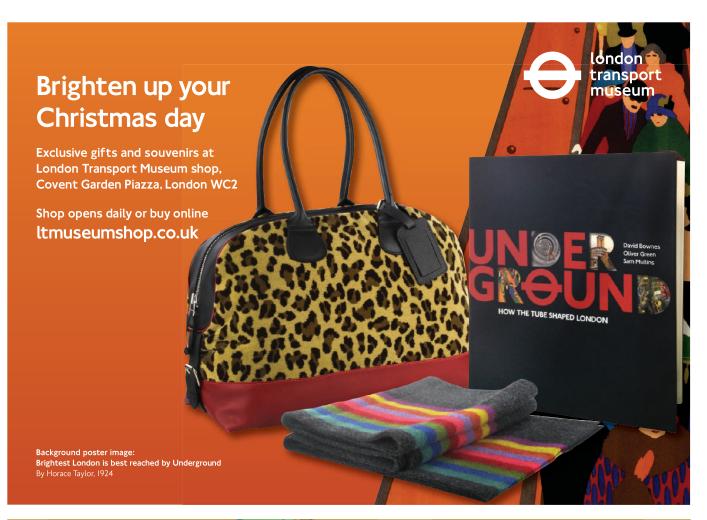








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by Catherine McCabe



Park life

This Christmas, we have a weekend break to Coworth Park at the top of our wish-list. Hidden in the Berkshire parkland, Coworth is just 45 minutes from London. The estate includes an eco-luxury Spa with indoor pool and three restaurants. It's also the only UK hotel to feature its own polo fields, though we'd prefer to take part in their Christmas afternoon tea by a roaring log fire. Contact Coworth Park on 01344 630542 reservations.CPA@ dorchestercollection.com

Nature calling

The Royal Horticultural Society announced the winner of their 2012 photo-competition recently after seeing a record number of entries - all reported to be at a very high standard. The images captured candid moments of wildlife, blooming foliage and insects up-close. However, the final prize of RHS Photographer of the Year 2012 went to Josie Elias, who received \$1,000 for her stunning floral image, entered into the 'Gardens through the Season category.' rhs.org.uk



the Royal Hospital in collaboration with the Dairy Council. This festive tradition is much cherished by the Chelsea Pensioners, particularly as the Dairy Council donate a pound of cheese to each In-Pensioner.

This will be followed by the cake ceremony. Each year, one of the Australian states' representatives presents a special Christmas cake on behalf of a state branch of the Returned & Services League of Australia, in a gesture of friendship and recognition of our shared military history.

If they have any room left, the Chelsea Pensioners will then pull up their coat sleeves to prepare the Christmas pudding in a traditional 'stirring of the cake.' To join in the merry festivities, head along to see them in action at their Friends' Carol Service on the 13th December. Doors open 6:30 for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie in the great hall. Tickets are available online at:

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Eternal dancer

Tamara Rojo may be artistic director of the English National Ballet, but those extra hours won't keep Britain's most talented ballerina away from the stage, writes Catherine McCabe

s anyone au fait with the dance world will tell you – one must never underestimate Tamara Rojo. Following 12 years as the Royal Ballet's prima ballerina, she has toned the muscles that most of us never knew existed, and has a sharpened tongue to match. "She's extremely intelligent and to the point," the PR tells me as I wrestle for some time with her. I prepare myself for the detached brevity of a ballerina with too little time on her hands, but find a woman so in love with her craft she could turn a dance sceptic into the muse of Terpsichore.

Born to anti-Franco communist parents who kept a press for making pamphlets under Rojo's crib, the dancer's steely ambition was apparent from a young age. At 20, she won the Paris International Dance competition, and was offered a position at the Scottish Ballet by one of the judges who had witnessed her performance. From there, she methodically carved her own path to the top, moving to the ENB, where she created the role of Juliet in Derek Deane's 1998 production of Romeo and Juliet, and became recognised as one of the most expressive dancers on the British stage before becoming a principal dancer with the Royal Ballet.

In April 2012, Rojo was called to the barre and offered a much deserved appointment as artistic director of the English National Ballet, a role she had openly pursued. Just last year, she lost out to the same position at the Royal Ballet to Kevin O'Hare, but she kept her quiet determination by moonlighting to a degree in the performing arts, and spent time shadowing Karen Kain, director of the National Ballet of Canada before achieving her goal. The new job has meant that her desk at the company's Kensington HQ has become the dancer's new home, "I love the fact that we are surrounded by museums here, the Natural History Museum, the Serpentine Gallery. We are surrounded by culture and music colleges. It's an amazing environment really," she says.

It's no secret that Rojo has taken the reigns of the company in decidedly turbulent times. As with most artistic disciplines, funding cuts for the English National Ballet are getting closer to the bone each day – they have experienced a 15 per cent decrease in Arts Council funding – a subject which sets Rojo's fiery personality alight, "it is a painful process to go through. Nothing in an organisation like ours is superficial, so the choices are always very difficult. What do you cut? Physiotherapy and massage? Treatment time and fitness support for the dancers or health support for the dancers? Do you cut a production completely – do you cut the art, do you cut the artist? We are always struggling anyway because we are here to make art, we are not here to make money," she explains.

The company has seen the departure of two artistic directors in the last decade, and as a first

'If I want my dancers to believe in what I am doing, the best way to do it is to do it with them. If we are tired – I will be tired with them'

director, Rojo has more than her fair share of cracks to fill. And yet, on top of her office commitments, she has decided not just to lead the ENB, but to dance within it. In this year's performance of The Nutcracker, Rojo will be dancing the part of the Sugar Plum Fairy at the London Coliseum alongside her troupe. But why, when already under such strain, add the pressure of training, rehearsals and performance? "If I want my dancers to believe in what I am doing, the best way to do it is to do it with them. If I make decisions that are hard, or if we are tired - I will be tired with them. We'll be together on the stage, so I just feel for me, that kind of leadership is the right one," she explains. Rojo's decision to live a dual life in her new role will come as a welcome surprise to her fans - many of whom flocked to the Royal Opera House purely to see the Spaniard in action. When her new position at the ENB was announced, the Telegraph ran with the headline 'Tamara Rojo belongs on stage, not in the boardroom,' and in some respects, she tends to



'It all happened very fast, and I felt it was too early for me to stop dancing – it would be a waste'

to stop dancing, but I also I thought – it would just be a waste. If I find that I have made a mistake, I can always stop."

Given her commitment to preserving the integrity

Given her commitment to preserving the integrity of ballet, many expressed concern that the ENB would prove too frustrating for Rojo. Known as the more commercial of Britain's ballet companies, they previously clung to more lucrative productions such as *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty* to help pull in large audiences.

In previous interviews, Rojo has admitted that she finds The Nutcracker difficult to believe in - and indeed it is associated with a painful experience for the dancer. In 2002, she began shaking on stage during the Royal Ballet's production after her appendix had burst (yet in standard Rojo fashion, she tried to return to dancing just two weeks after). So why has she chosen to keep it on the bill? "Well, I realised that it is a very important tool to bring in young audiences," she explains in a matter-offact tone, "It is the moment where the generations bring new generations - the grandmothers bring in their grandchildren, parents bring their sons and daughters. It opens those doors, so it is very important to an organisation like ours." And by keeping the doors open, Rojo has allowed the ENB

A dancer from the English National Ballet prepares for The Nutcracker at the Natural History Museum



to expand its horizons. In her Spring programme, she has announced an anniversary production celebrating the life of Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev, as well as a performance of Roland Petit's Jeune Homme et la Mort, featuring a guest performance by Nicholas le Riche, the étoile of the Paris Opéra Ballet.

Yet even with her impressive depth of ballet knowledge, time as artistic director has allowed Rojo to see the classics in a new light, "I love the beginning of The Nutcracker," she says, "the fact that you can actually see dancers skating on the stage. It looks like the top of a frozen lake, I think it's a beautiful opening for a ballet." Along with her fellow dancers - and indeed, her employees - Rojo will face a ballerina's Christmas this year. For them, it is a time of great strain, filled with rehearsals, and twice daily performances of The Nutcracker. "It means very often that you cannot go and visit your parents. It is probably different from everyone else. I just have a quiet dinner with my family. This year we're actually looking for a restaurant because nobody wants to cook," she laughs.

In our time together, we touch on the persistent clichés of ballet; clichés that were perpetuated in no small part by the release of *Black Swan*, a film Rojo has dismissed with knowing contempt. She

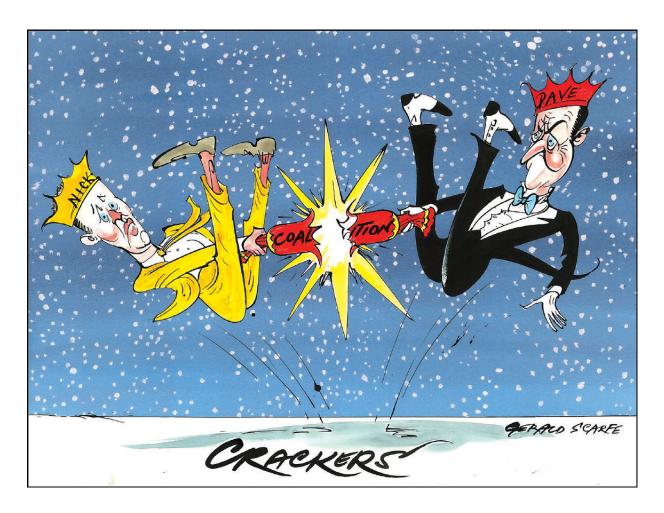
deplores the idea that a dancer should feel the need to be excessively slim, "there is a misconception from some young dancers that they have to starve themselves to become a ballet dancer. It does upset me," and rejects the tired notion that ballerinas somehow 'enjoy,' the pain their profession often puts them through. "We are not masochistic. We do it because we love dancing and we love the amazing freedom that comes from being on the stage. What we want to achieve is glory, not pain."

One point that she has made painfully clear is that one should never second-guess a dancer's knowledge, especially if that dancer happens to be Tamara Rojo. "There are people that believe dancers are not eloquent or that they don't know how to put a point across or speak their mind. That is totally wrong. Anyone who has the ability to concentrate, focus and analyse little feelings within themselves to manipulate and use those little muscles, to change their entire body – that is someone very intelligent."

We couldn't agree more.

The English National Ballet will perform The Nutcracker at the London Coliseum from 12 December to 5 January. For booking contact: 02078459300, ballet.org.uk

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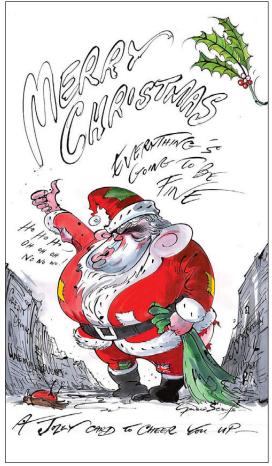
The art of politics

For almost 50 years, Sunday Times cartoonist Gerald Scarfe has created cutting political imagery in his Chelsea studio. This Christmas, we meet the man behind the sharpened nib of the artist's pen

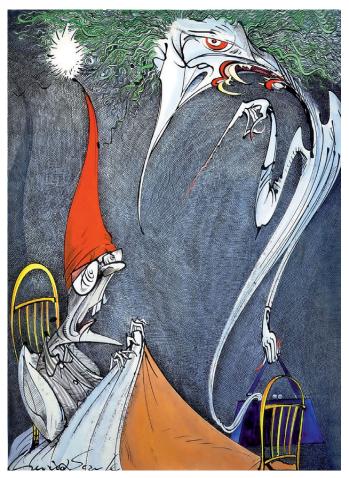
here's a curious juxtaposition between artist Gerald Scarfe's work and home life. For decades, he has lived on Cheyne Walk, and in 1981 became the envy of every man in Britain when he married actress Jane Asher, an iconic face of 60s glamour. Together, they had three children, all grown, Jane remains a successful author, actress and entrepreneur, and he still freelances for the Sunday Times. Yet when he enters that attic studio a very different personality takes hold, the one who can skewer a politician's reputation with his pen. His creations are grotesque, often grossly sexual and scatological. In the uppermost part of his Chelsea home, he could be drawing George Bush with the grim reaper, or a hatchet-nosed portrait of Maggie Thatcher.

Scarfe's work lives on a diet of Higgins black ink - born onto enormous sheets of paper purchased at Green and Stone. "I work on a very large scale," he explains. On an average day at the studio, he will be surrounded by 30 to 40 sheets of paper, all covered in lines and scratches of visceral political caricatures that never were. "A drawing to me is a bit like building a house - if the first lines aren't correct, it's like the foundations are wrong, and it will never be right, so I abandon it." he says.

Although this method has often left Scarfe kicking and swearing in his attic – it is one that has consistently delivered some of the most memorable political imagery ever seen in British media. His vivid creations have seen him likened to Goya and Hieronymus Bosch. When asked to portray himself. the artist will draw a brushy browed, vulpine villain







Margaret Thatcher as the ghost of Christmas past

with a pen for a sword, yet in reality, Scarfe is unusually polite, relaxing into our conversation as if he were chatting at a dinner table with old friends.

With what he describes as "penguin psychology", Scarfe explains that the darkness of his work derives from a childhood need to understand and evoke the fears of the world. Suffering from chronic asthma, Scarfe spent much of his childhood

bedridden, and with his father in the RAF he became increasingly anxious about the war.

Drawing offered a welcome release – and a young Scarfe's confidence was offered a boost when he won first prize in an art competition held by *Eagle* comic. Years later, he discovered that David Hockney had been the runner up.

Following an unhappy sojourn at a commercial art studio when he left school, he began to immerse himself in joke cartoons – Scarfe was published in the *Evening Standard* and began to make a living as a freelancer. But it wasn't until his work with Richard Ingrams at *Private Eye* in 1963 that he began to evolve that sculptural, ferocious political

'I was encouraged by Peter Cook and Richard Ingrams, that's when my drawings started to become grotesque and strong' style of British caricature that we recognise today. "I was encouraged by Peter Cook and Richard Ingrams – that's when my drawings started to become grotesque and strong, I was able to lash out." Essentially, Ingrams woke the beast – and Scarfe had found his calling. Within all his works, he began to attack the hypocrisy of those in power. "I lean to the left but as far as I am concerned they are all fools,

we are all fallible and capable of making mistakes. I mean just the idea of being a politician, that you could set yourself up as someone who can tell the rest of the world what to do, that has a worrying arrogance in the first place. I try and stay in the middle politically, and then I will attack left, right or centre," he says.

Certain figures provide better material than others. Scarfe had a field day with Margaret Thatcher, whom he describes as an "undoubtedly a strong woman. The stronger the character, the more definite and strong the caricature". However, he struggled with the like of the "dull, grey old character of John Major". Creating a caricature is



David Cameron as Scrooge

a process that he describes as "stretching a piece of chewing gum – you can take it so far, but finally it breaks and becomes unrecognisable. Really it is about assimilating a person, capturing that person's unique atmosphere."

Scarfe became celebrated for his no holds barred character assassinations, yet he remains at times conflicted by the medium. After all, as he has said many times before, most politicians would rather be drawn as a warthog, than not drawn at all. "They probably still have it hanging up in their lavatory, because it's flattering to be noticed," he sighs. Over the years Scarfe has found new ways to channel his work, most notably illustrating Pink Floyd's album The Wall, allowing him to bring his art work to the world stage. "I was emailed by a Gulf War veteran who said he was going to tattoo his entire left arm with my illustrations from The Wall, and wanted me to send my signature to finish it. He said my work had helped him through the war – I can't think how, but I find that sort of thing extraordinary," he says. Scarfe has always identified himself as computer illiterate, but he has come a long way since sending his drawings to the New Yorker via Concorde.

When asked about his long standing contract with the *Sunday Times*, he jovially chimes, "I've been there almost 50 years – talk about being in a

rut!" Yet, at 75, he remains fervently working away in his attic in order to meet his weekly deadlines. "My uncle always said to me – you're like a vicar, you only work on Sundays," he laughs.

December is a month that allows Scarfe's work to merge jolly surroundings with grim political realities. In the splendour of a British snowfall, David Cameron assumes the role of Scrooge, gleefully kicking away the crutch of tiny Tim. But his favourite Yuletide moment, he says, was when he got to turn Gordon Brown into Santa Claus. "I always had to draw Gordon as a big black blob in a suit – he's such a dour, dull man, so drawing him in costume was much more fun."

This Christmas, Scarfe and his wife will be spending Christmas at home in Chelsea; and there is much to celebrate; Alex, their eldest son followed in his father's satirical footsteps with his adult animated comedy, *Full English*, aired on Channel 4 in November. But even with the festive season at hand, Scarfe has work on his mind. "This time of year, when it gets cold, it's much easier to stay in the studio, and keep my nose to the grindstone." As long as he keeps that steely pen in hand – there will be no rest for the wicked. }

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Blessed be thy name

Brian Blessed has a reputation for being one of the most charismatic actors in the business. But there's more to him than just a booming voice, finds Alex Larman

need to be cloned...everyone asks me to be Father Christmas!" So begins an interview with everyone's favourite larger-thanlife actor, animal lover and adventurer Brian Blessed. It's rare to encounter someone so popular and beloved – when I mentioned that I was going to be chatting to him, virtually everyone offered their favourite story about him, or attempted to do an impersonation of him bellowing in his inimitable booming, deep voice.

While he's certainly a charismatic and theatrical figure in real life, he's also a good deal more approachable than his reputation might suggest, speaking rather than shouting and with a healthy sense of self-deprecating humour. We're chatting to discuss Blessed's participation in Chelsea's Children & The Arts Christmas Concert, something that has been a yearly occurrence for

him for some time. "I always love spending time in Chelsea, it's such a wonderful and beautiful place, with all sorts of unexpected nooks and crannies in its streets. At the concert. I normally perform 'The Night Before Xmas.' What annoys me is that it's always done badly by other people. Father Christmas needs to be jolly and powerful, with a moment of quietness towards the end, and then I roar at the end before I leave, and my voice echoes all over the church! Then I go home, and it's as if Father Christmas has left. Children love the eccentricity, it's really astonishing."

The cause is dear to his heart as well, and it's one he's keen to promote. "A long time ago, I was told 'Neglect the arts at your peril.' It's a good message for any government – young people need to be inspired, because the arts are brilliant. These need to be made accessible for young

people. 50,000 people have been introduced to them by Children and the Arts in 247 schools. I think it is so inspirational, and so it's wonderful to be part of it. It's a big happy thing."

Blessed is, of course, well known for a variety of iconic roles and performances. Perhaps the most famous of these is his appearance as the winged Prince Vultan in Flash Gordon, where his catchphrase, as sampled on Queen's song 'Flash' - 'Gordon's ALIIIIVE?!' - is now the stuff of legend. Asked whether he ever gets sick of it, he chuckles heartily and says, "It's a cult saying. I can't get through a day without someone saying it, even if I'm at Buckingham Palace! Doing it to a cheering audience is a great experience; sometimes, even the builders yell it at me. I'm asked to do it on everyone's telephone, too, but I don't mind - it's a rather marvellous movie and comic

'At the concert, I normally perform The Night Before Christmas. What annoys me is when it's done badly by other people. Father Christmas needs to be jolly and powerful, with a moment of quietness at the end'

strip, just like the good old days, and I'm glad it's remembered."

While he's taken on the old quieter role - he speaks especially fondly of his performance as Duke Senior in his long-time collaborator Kenneth Branagh's film of As You Like It - it's for flamboyance that he's best known, along with his adventuring, which he's passionate about. "The essential heart of the arts is adventure. I spend 50 per cent of my life acting, 50 per cent adventuring. The Olympics were a wonderful example of this, when all cynicism was swept aside. I hope that my own travels inspire young people a bit - next year I'm planning on retracing the steps of Edmund Hillary and climbing Everest without oxygen. And then I'd quite like to be one of the first civilians in space." He says this without any particular sense of it being a big deal; for him, with all his experience, it probably isn't.

When he's not acting or setting off on grand adventures, Blessed leads a

quiet life at home in Surrey with his wife and animals, of whom he has 1,000 of different kinds. When asked how he's going to spend Christmas, he gives a rather surprising answer; I'd envisioned an enormous, lavish affair full of people, but it's not so. "I shall be in New Zealand doing some adverts, and then have a very quiet Christmas with a nice tree, my animals and my wife, a very silent night! We'll spend Christmas Day doing the stables, looking after the family." He's utterly passionate about his menagerie, being a patron of Hopefield Animal Sanctuary. "All the money I earn goes towards that animals come first for me, human beings second. I never think that the earth has been created for us, we're here to serve it as the guardians of this planet. We need another 50,000 David Attenboroughs!"

Next year, apart from Everest and space, he's putting together his own documentary, involving parts of the

earth that have never been seen, "like a third of Canada, for instance, and two thirds of Venezuela. And I'm doing some of the world's hardest climbs, including Mount Vincent." Blessed is now 76, and yet he has more energy than most people a third of his age. Doesn't he ever rest? A hearty chuckle. "Oh, one day the reaper will come and claim me, and I'll get plenty of rest then. Right now, I just want to make the most of being alive. Don't we all?" }

The annual Christmas Carol Concert will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square, on the 10th December with performances from Brian Blessed, Julie Walters and classical opera group Amore. The event will be held in aid of Children's arts charity, The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts. To find out more, or to donate to the cause, visit their website at: childrenandarts.org.uk





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Judith Wilson gets festive with the Belgravia furniture guru, David Linley as he offers his guide to Christmas style



David Linley's eponymous shops now number four. As well as the original Belgravia flagship store on Pimlico Road and the Albemarle Street showroom, there's a seasonal store at Burlington Arcade and one at Harrods. Are there, one wonders, classic gifts that shoppers buy, year in year out? David lists models of clients' houses as perennial favourites, plus gifts personalised with engraved initials. "We have a speedy three to four day turnaround for engraving," he says, ever the switched-on retailer. "And there are still 50 shopping days to Christmas.'

David Linley hardly needs an introduction, as he is the son of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, and the Queen's nephew. He founded the LINLEY brand in 1985, having trained at

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So what does a man with impeccable taste want for Christmas? "World peace," he says. When pressed for a real present choice, he says: "I am Chairman of Christie's UK and we've just had a sale celebrating 50 Years of James Bond, so something »»









David Linley's tips for a personal Christmas:

• If you're in the countryside, scour hedgerows for chestnuts or long grasses. They add a lovely natural twist to festive decorating.



- I pick lots of small oak branches and spray them silver or white. They look fantastic woven through a simple metal chandelier with candles.
- Trawl through wine auction catalogues. It's
 possible to pick up a bottle of vintage brandy
 for a reasonable price and it's much more
 inventive than wine as a party gift.
- Swap gifts. I recently swapped with one of my artist friends. He got a piece of my furniture and I received one of his sculptures that I had coveted.



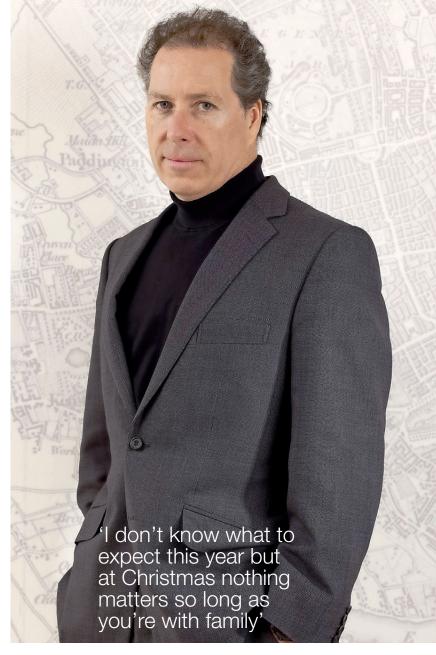


from that would be fun." David is married to Serena Linley and they have two children, Charles, 13, and Margarita, 10, so he enjoys shopping with, and for, his family. "Serena and I love student art exhibitions, where we hunt out pieces that are lovely in their own right," he says. Socks are always welcome, too. Patterned or novelty? He sounds shocked to be asked. "Always plain. Of course."

David also favours gifts that are "useful and not too spoiling." One year he gave Charles a fountain pen to remind him of the pleasure of handwriting. He fondly remembers traditional Haynes car repair manuals, now updated to include repair guides for planes, so a Concorde Manual will be on his wish-list, too. When David goes Christmas shopping himself, his favourite haunts include specialist bookstores like John Sandoe in Chelsea and Heywood Hill in Mayfair. "I appreciate a bookstore where staff have actually read the books," he adds.

David may head up a global brand, but he has always been a hands-on creator. Design runs in the family. As a child, he recalls Christmases spent





with his father, when they would make toys or bunting together. These days, David has passed on the 'homemade' baton to Margarita. "She is a very imaginative artist, and makes wonderful cards," he says. Festive childhood celebrations with his mother were different, but never stuffy, he says. "The houses and settings were formal, but the people always funny and relaxed," he says. A highlight of royal family gatherings at Sandringham is often a walk to the beach, post-lunch, post-speech. "We go down with the children and the dogs, though it's always a rush to arrive before dark."

This year, he, Serena and the children will be going to his father-in-law's home for Christmas. "I don't know what to expect this year, but at Christmas nothing matters so long as you're with family, does it?" he says. He will be looking forward to Christmas staples like singing carols, going to church, and the relaxation of having a few days off with the family. "I also love the chance to do something different from the usual routine," he adds. "It might be shooting, riding or biking – or simply eating far too much." }

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What's the best gift anyone has ever given you?

My husband, Cem, gave me a yellow diamond ring when I had our twins. I never take it off.

...and the worst?

I was given an iron as a wedding present. Irons and blenders are both a massive NO on my list of presents to give. Having said that, the Alessi blender by Stefano Giovannoni may be a possible exception.

How will you be spending the season this year?

This will be our first family Christmas at our new house and I am really

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William Yeoward Wisteria



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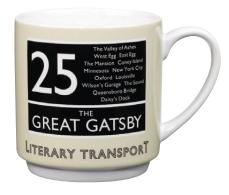
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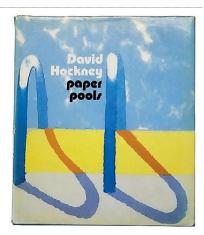
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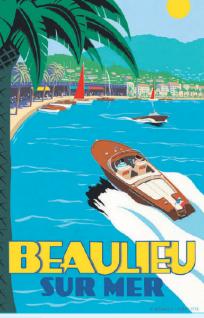
















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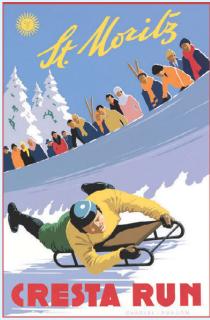
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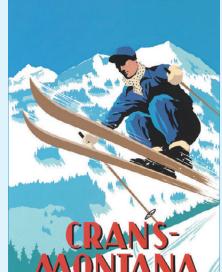




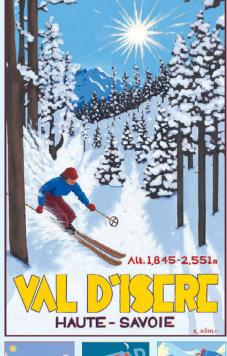
















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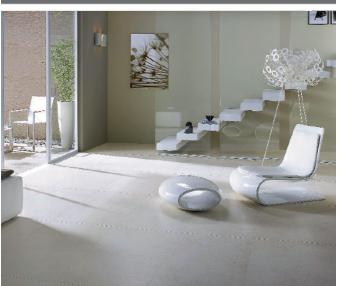




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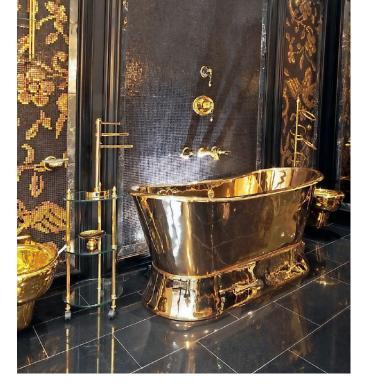
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West One Bathrooms unveil their sparkling new Mayfair showroom

There have been a lot of changes happening at West One Bathroom's Mayfair showroom recently. Known for their eye catching window displays on South Audley Street, the venue has experienced a complete refurbishment – now offering a vibrant mix of classic and contemporary bathroom settings. Their display room now creatively showcases bespoke designs such as an Illuminated Onyx display featuring back lit wall and solid onyx free standing basin, and exclusive 'RIFLESSO' furniture, complemented by Leather Crocodile print covered WC, and beautiful Crystal fittings.

West One Bathrooms are now the authorised dealer for a range of products by Lalique Architecture and Home Decoration, stocking the manufacturers' rare Laurel glass wall panels and Champs Elysees Chandeliers. For those who aim to dress their bathroom in style, the showroom now has an extended accessory boutique selling everything from crystal doorknobs to handmade decanters. West One's inventive displays present luxurious possibilities for your home, whether it's opulent gold design or clean, sleek marble fittings. Visit the new showroom at:

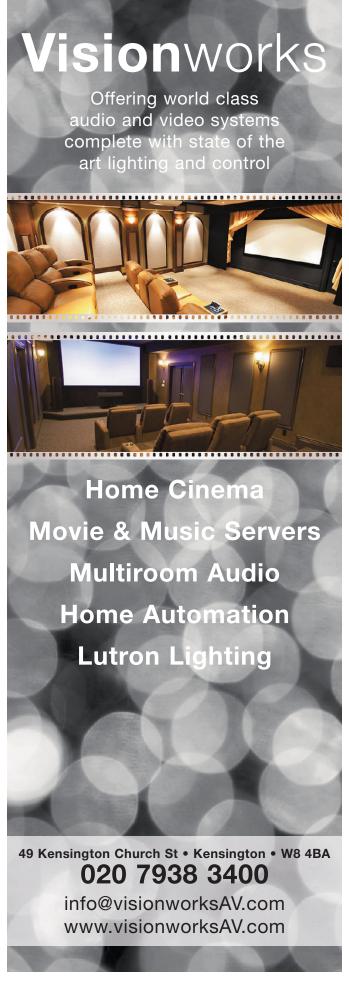
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Tackle the post-dinner boredom this Christmas with these classic games





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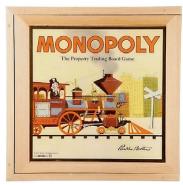


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Pucket game, handcrafted, £45, Conran Shop, conranshop.co.uk





Emporium monopoly board, £32, House of Fraser, houseoffraser.co.uk



Talking Tables London Ludo Board Game, £10, available from Kuati Mayfair, kuati.com







Table talk

Annica Wainwright's festive guide to west London indulgence



Give it a rest

Don't want to cook on Christmas Day? Head for the pub. Paradise by way of Kensal Green has announced that it will be serving lunch from noon until 2.30pm on 25 December. A set menu offers champagne or mulled cider on arrival, followed by a choice of four starters, mains and desserts, plus cheese and mince pies, for £85 per person (£35 for children). We'd start with beef carpaccio, ahead of roast Goosnargh turkey with all the trimmings and a rhubarb crumble with vanilla custard to finish (though a homemade Christmas pudding is also available).

19 Kilburn Lane, W10 4AE, 020 3551 9852

Quick fix

Christmas lunch is challenging enough without having to worry about keeping people's glasses filled while you're basting the turkey, so make life easy for yourself by stocking up on these new premixed G&Ts from Fentimans & BLOOM. The cool retro bottles will look gorgeous tucked into a rustic ice bucket.

Available from Sainsbury's, £3.99 per bottle.

A Cadogan Christmas

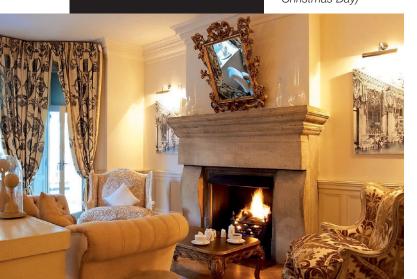
Like a high-end speakeasy, couture hotel No.11 Cadogan Gardens can be tricky to find, but you'll be glad you went searching. This Christmas, they're revamping their classic afternoon tea for the festive season. They will be plating up seasonal sandwiches, mince pies and festive cakes with a glass of mulled wine for just £22 per person. The best part is choosing your location, as the tea can be taken in the Drawing Room beside the log fire, the bar, or the Library. They'll also be opening their doors for private festive parties with dishes such as wood pigeon wellington and a classic roast at £55 per head. No.11 Cadogan Gardens, SW3 2RJ 020 7730 7000 no11cadogangardens.com



Mickey comes to town

Disney has teamed up with Harrods to open its first restaurant outside a theme park. The Disney Café by Harrods sits on the fourth floor of the department store, close to the cartoon giant's pop-up boutique. Kids can expect to tuck into Mickey-shaped toasties next to life-size sculptures of their favourite characters and there is live story-telling twice an hour.

Open Monday-Saturday 11am to 7pm and Sunday 11.30am to 6pm (closed Christmas Day)



Thou shalt have a fishy on a little dishy

Bored with the usual smoked salmon starter? Try the new smoked halibut from the Inverawe Smokehouse in Scotland. With a firmer texture and more delicate flavour than its more established cousin, the halibut goes particularly well with rye bread. Try serving it with a dollop of horseradish cream, as well as a squeeze of lemon and some freshly ground pepper.

Available online at smokedsalmon.co.uk, priced at £10.95 for a 100g pack

Nordic nibbles

Filled with cold meats, cheese, condiments, sweets and drinks from across Scandinavia, the new range of 'taster boxes' from Scandinavian Kitchen makes a nice change from more traditional hampers. Kids will certainly love the DIY gingerbread house kit in the Scandi Christmas Box (£55), which also includes crispbread, dried ham, sardines, and a range of sweets. Other options range from the Scandi Chilled Gourmet Box (£38), which comes stuffed with charcuterie and cheese, to the Scandi Drinks Selection (£55) that features aquavit and Danish Christmas beers. Order online at scandikitchen.co.uk







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Tom Parker Bowles Wild dishes

Embrace the truly beautiful game



'So deadened are our palates by a lifetime of dreary chicken breasts and steaks with all the depth of a puddle that we fear anything that actually thrills the gob'

Britain is a country blessed with game, a land where the serious eater is faced with a veritable embarrassment of riches. The grouse might resemble a plump, dull, dowdy old maid, but once it hits the skies, it's more superhero than spinster. Partridge make fine sport too, hurtling over Hampshire hedges. Roasted in the fiercest of ovens, its meat is mild but never dull.

And that's just the start. Grass feeding widgeon, delicate teal, hearty mallard...ducks all, and damned fine too. Rabbit, bathed in mustard sauce. Hare, jugged and studded with bacon. Roasted haunch of venison, muntjac chilli and roe deer casserole. The list goes on and on. So does Britain embrace game, shouting its praises through the hills, highlands and fens? Of course not. So deadened are our palates by a lifetime of dreary chicken breasts and steaks with all the depth of a puddle that we fear anything that actually thrills the gob.

By playing it safe, the eater is missing out on some of Britain's greatest food. But the novice need not fear. A perfectly roasted grouse at Quo Vadis (quovadissoho.co.uk) comes just as it should, with thin gravy, game chips and spice scented bread sauce. Chef Jeremy Lee is a stickler for tradition, and all game is treated with similar respect. The taste is sweet and sublime, not fiercely gamey, as you'd expect.

Rules (rules.co.uk) is the very definition of London institution, a place where the tablecloths are as thick

as the claret list, and service resolutely old fashioned. It's always a joy to visit the capital's oldest restaurant and again, game is never mucked about, just left to sing its own praises. As it is at Fergus Henderson's St John (stjohnrestaurant.co.uk), where you can devour teal, partridge, mallard, woodcock, snipe and hare. Mark Hix is another man who worships game, and you'll find the best of the seasonal bounty at Hix Soho (hixsoho.co.uk) and The Albermarle at Browns Hotel (brownshotel.com).

Richard Corrigan, too, is a master of his art. At Corrigan's Mayfair (corrigansmayfair.co.uk), you'll find all the classics, and a few more adventurous dishes too. But worry not. With Corrigan, it's all about flavour and the joy of eating. He manages to meld the traditional and modern with equal aplomb.

For those looking for something a little bit, well, haute, then get yourself to Brett Graham at The Ledbury (theledbury.com). I'm no fan of mucked about, Michelin star chasing food, but Graham's food is nothing short of sublime. Every ingredient works closely with the next, creating dishes that often dazzle and always delight.

Fellow game lovers will understand my passion. And once you have taken that first bite, there's no going back. People travel from across the globe for the merest bite of our meaty treats. While you, as Londoners, have to move no more than a mile or two. So forget football. This is the truly beautiful game.



Restaurant reviews

This month, our resident foodies splash out on a pre-Christmas treat

UMU

4-16 Bruton Place, W1J 6LX, 020 7499 8881

Atmosphere: **** Food:****

We like to treat ourselves in the run-up to Christmas, so what better time to visit UMU, the UK's only Kyoto-inspired restaurant and home to one of London's most expensive set menus? Priced at at \$100 per person without drinks, its eight-course Kaiseki meal is meant to be the best way to experience the food of Japan's culinary capital. We deserve some of that, right?

Taking our seats at the sushi counter (we were offered a cosy, low-lit table but wanted to watch the skilled chefs at work) we prepared to be wowed.

Hot towels were administered, special place mats delivered. The dining room was filling up - not bad for a cold Tuesday night in October - and there was a really nice buzz to the place. We were excited.

The first course actually fell a bit flat. Seared Scottish lobster with coral sauce, sweet corn purée and an umami jelly had clearly been made from quality ingredients, but we really didn't like the textures in the dish. The clear soup of sake-grilled monkfish and mushrooms that followed was much better: clean and delicate, if a little plain.

Just when our excitement was beginning to waiver, they went and blew it out of the park with the sushi course. We've eaten a lot of raw

fish in our time but it's never tasted quite as good as the tuna belly, horse mackerel and sea bass we had here. Was it the way the fish had been cut with tiny symmetrical incisions? Was it the perfectly cooked rice? The freshly grated wasabi? All we know is that we'd have happily swapped the rest of the meal - a rich dish of sea urchin with foie gras custard, some grilled eel with sweet plum sauce, perfectly cooked slices of duck with a pumpkin purée, and a final savoury course of oyster mushrooms rice with miso soup and pickles, plus a tofu flan to finish - for one of the amply proportioned sushi platters we saw being delivered to other tables. We're already planning a pre-Christmas revisit. by Annica Wainwright







Goode & Wright

271 Portobello Road, W11 1LR, 020 7727 5552

Food: ***

Atmosphere: ***

Despite the old-fashioned English name, this inviting little bistro at the top end of Portobello Road might have been plucked from one of Paris's more upmarket quartiers. Described as bistro food with a British accent, W11 locals have been flocking to the venue for a taste of Gallic style - and the surroundings don't disappoint. With its dark wood panelling, vintage furniture and bubble pendant lights, the dining room certainly looks the part. On a wet autumn evening, we're not the only ones who think it's an appealing proposition - the small dining room is ringing with the chatter of well-heeled off-Portobello types.

Thankfully the menu, too, has plenty to warm the cockles. Classic French bistro cooking is slicked up with some luxe touches - a nourishing onion soup sweetened with the addition of crab meat, then a nicely chargrilled bavette steak and mash scattered with girolles. The haddock brandade, encasing a poached egg and studded with chorizo, is similarly comforting. Given the confused flavours in the 'spicy prawn salad' - prawns, peaches and leaves slicked in a balsamic mayo - it seems that the kitchen is less comfortable off the beaten track, but it was back to form with a thick-set crème brulee for dessert.

Service and wine recommendations from the almost-exclusively French list come with a Gallic flamboyance that might not appeal to everyone, but the heart of the operation is certainly in the right place, and locals are voting with their feet.

We hear particularly good things about the weekend brunch; the likes of toasted brioche with truffled honey and hazelnut ganache or soft-boiled duck eggs with Serrano ham soldiers are sure to see off a festive hangover this Christmas.



Outlaw's Seafood & Grill

22-24 Basil Street, SW3 1AT, 020 7589 5171

Food: ***

Atmosphere: **

The times, they are a-changing. They must be, if that Knightsbridge bastion of tradition, The Capital, is dropping fine dining for a 'more casual' offering. Enter the suitably anarchically named Nathan Outlaw of the two Michelin-starred Outlaw's Seafood and Grill in Rock, Cornwall. The wunderkind chef is installing long-term sidekick Pete Biggs to blast the cobwebs out of the kitchen that, in its heyday, was occupied by Eric Chavot and his own pair of Michelin stars, before losing its form.

But hang on, perhaps the transformation of this venerable institution isn't quite as radical as predicted. Sure, the white tablecloths have been whipped away and there's a bolder colour scheme, but the bijou dining room still has the same reverent hush as before. Staff seem confused by the transition, with some adopting a more formal approach – arriving at the table as if approaching a sleeping lion – and others opting for a bit of light matey banter.

However, the artfully-coiffed regulars seem more than happy with the 'laidback' vibe. The menu certainly speaks to them, a line-up of good old-fashioned British seafood dishes, from which we enjoyed an appealing pile of hot shellfish drizzled with lemon and parsley and a generous tranche of Dover sole – sadly overcooked – accompanied by neat little bowls of greens, which included crisp breaded courgettes.

As the festive season approaches, it's worth noting that the wine list is still a weighty tome that reflects the magnitude of The Capital's cellar – a glass of crisp albarino matched the piscine line-up perfectly. And seafood feasting menus, served in the hotel's swish private dining rooms, are just the ticket for Christmas celebrations.



The Shed

122 Palace Gardens Terrace W8 4RT 020 7229 4024

Food: ****

Atmosphere: *****

A shed might not sound the most salubrious of locations for Christmas celebrations, but The Shed in Notting Hill isn't your common-or-garden outbuilding. Formerly The Ark, the site has always felt charmingly tucked away, despite being metres from traffic-clogged Notting Hill Gate, and the space suits its new look: high chairs and cushioned banquettes crowded round coloured oil-drum tables, ladders dangling from the ceiling, vintage signs and rough-cut planks on the walls.

The Shed's back-story is a feel-good as its dining room. The three Gladwin brothers each front one strand of the operation – as well as a front of house and a chef in the kitchen, the youngest is a Sussex-based farmer who ensures the supply of top produce for the daily-changing line-up of dishes.

The typed menu, divided into 'slow cooking', 'fast cooking' and 'mouthfuls', features a scattering of foraged ingredients – oak-smoked pork loin, served with a suitably seasonal accompaniment of parsnips and girolles, is topped with sprigs of chickweed picked up on a stroll in Richmond Park. Sourcing is a strong point throughout, from the fat West Mersea rock oysters to a bowl of Exmouth mussels in white wine with The Shed's own bacon.

This combination of homespun interiors and heartfelt cooking has won the locals over. On a Tuesday night, the space was bursting with families and groups of friends. Sensibly, the owners keep plenty of tables for walk-ins, but are booking for Christmas, when set menus of goose terrine and haunch of venison will be washed down with hot buttered rum and mead (fermented in Sussex) to get diners in the festive spirit for Saturday evening carol singing.

food+drink

Michel Roux and brother Albert Roux

Wester Chef

Michel Roux tells us why he still loves Mayfair and offers his professional insight into modern British cuisine









'I don't write for the genius. I don't write for the stupid. I write what I like to cook. If your heart is in the right place, and you like to cook, then 90 per cent can be done by anyone'

There's a certain level of misidentification within the Roux dynasty, so a little clarification is needed. "Quite a few people make that mistake," chuckles Roux, the one-time proprietor and head chef at Mayfair's Le Gavroche. "I still get asked, 'What will we see on the new menu at Le Gavroche?' and I say, 'You will have to ask my brother Albert and his son, Michel Jr [of MasterChef fame]. It is nothing to do with me anymore!' But still I get asked about the restaurant, it is a common misconception, many confuse Michel Jr and myself."

One of the preeminent figures in the culinary world, Michel Roux and his brother Albert transformed the face of fine dining in the UK when they opened Le Gavroche, the first restaurant in the UK to be awarded three Michelin stars, in its original home of Chelsea's Sloane Square in 1967. Indeed, the opening party enjoyed the company of Charlie Chaplin and Ava Gardner, no less.

Fifteen years later, the pull of Mayfair became too enticing. "While our base in Chelsea was a wonderful home for many years, the idea of moving somewhere different remained on my mind and we searched for quite a while for the perfect position.

"And Mayfair, well, it just worked for us. I believe it still to be one of the most elegant, best positions in the city, undeniably. You have the beautiful park that is not far away and Grosvenor Square, and the lovely clientele it attracts. And the wealth of the area, not a cheeky wealth, it's something special. I will always love Mayfair.'

The brothers eventually split their business, which also included the celebrated Waterside Inn; Michel relinquishing his stake in the Brook

Street landmark, focusing instead on the Berkshire restaurant, now fully operated by his son, Alain.

And while Roux splits his year between homes on the Cote D'Azur and the slopes of Crans-Montana in Switzerland, he maintains a love affair with the culinary brilliance of the Mayfair demesne. "There are so many places I like near there," he explains. "I like Scotts, for the ambience, the atmosphere and wonderful menu. The Connaught is somewhere I immensely enjoy and I would say no visit is complete without taking in Cipriani."

His days commanding the finest kitchens on British soil may be over. but Roux, who schooled a new generation of chefs including Gordon Ramsay and Marco Pierre White, proves he is still the foremost voice in haute cuisine with the release of his new book, 'The Collection', a generous compendium of more than 250 of his superb recipes gathered from an extensive repertoire.

"Put it this way, I'm 71 and I wrote my first book when I was 41 so over the last 30 years, I have written 12 books, every two or three years. And in each of my books, I have my favourite recipe. Like a singer who releases their greatest hits, these are my favourites.'

With a selection of signature dishes for all seasons, from poussin scented with ginger and lemon grass to wild mushroom cappelletti, Roux presents a sublime, and surprisingly doable, selection of his finest work. "I don't write for the genius, I don't write for the stupid. I write what I like to cook, and if your heart is in the right place and you like to cook, then ninety per cent can be done by anyone with the most basic knowledge of food."

Shame on those who dare to compare this anthology with a tome authored by some of our more flamboyant names in British cooking, particularly the more immature of the flock. "I would always say, never write anything before you're 40, only then have you accumulated enough experience and knowledge to produce a book. It makes me laugh when I see chefs writing books when they are 25. It simply makes no sense."

With the festive season upon us, Roux plans to spend this time with his wife Robin, and his children and grandchildren in Switzerland. "I will be in the mountains where some of my children will join me, not Alain as he will be cooking at the Waterside.

"And of course, I will be cooking Christmas dinner, I love cooking, especially now when I don't have to cook for 10 or 12 hours a day."

So what will chef Roux serve for his family? "I might do a little game this year; turkey can get a little boring and I love to shoot and hunt so before I go to Switzerland. I may shoot some pheasant or partridge and bring it with me from England."

Having lived for much of his life in the UK, does the chef miss any aspects of traditional British cooking? "There are a few that I miss," he says. "At the end of the day I love a pie; I love a nice pork roast as well with crackling.

"You know British cuisine has come such a long way. On the whole, it's in a wonderful place right now and of course I miss

it from time to time. That's why I visit so often." }

Michel Roux: The Collection by Michel Roux is out now



Eat, drink and be merry

Try somewhere new for dinner this December



Baity Kitchen

020 7584 6866

172 Walton street, SW3 2JL

Sample dishes: Sayyadiyeh – Palestinian dish with cumin lemon and caramelised onions served on cumin infused rice and served with tahini dressing. Christmas: Christmas lunch served daily, \$16.50. Atmosphere: Home away from home, zinc topped tables, fresh flowers, concrete flooring and a beautiful back garden to take you away from London's noise, where staff will treat you like family. Opening times: Mon-Sunday 8am-10.30pm.



Rossopomodoro Fulham

020 7352 7677

214 Fulham Road, SW10 9NB

Sample dishes: Selection of traditional hand stretched Neapolitan pizzas baked in wood fired oven the best you can find anywhere in London. Christmas Set Menu: Three courses from \$19.95 Atmosphere: The restaurant has two floors with the ground level offering a vibrant open kitchen with a traditional wood burning oven occupying the central stage and a second floor room that can host parties of up to 65 people with a dedicated bar.



Eighty-Six

86 Fulham Road, SW3 6HR 020 7052 9620

Sample dishes: Venison Carpaccio, truffle, parsnip crisps and pea shoots and Scottish Ribeye Burger with fat chips, gruyère and club sauce.

Christmas set menu: \$40 per head.

Atmosphere: The modern art-deco inspired Georgian townhouse is trendy with a chic yet relaxed atmosphere. The elegant surroundings perfectly compliment the contemporary European cuisine.

Opening times: Mon - Thu: 5pm- 12.30am, Fri - Sat: 5pm- 2.30am, Sun: Closed.



Lowcountry Bar and Eating House

020 7736 7002

4 Fulham High Street Fulham SW6 3LQ

Approximate price for two, with wine/cocktails: Three course Christmas Menu, \$27.85, \$40 with wine and water.

Atmosphere: Relaxed dining, with incredible unique flavours from South Carolina, from Duck and Sausage Gumbo to Shrimp and Grits. **Opening Times:** Mon - Thurs 12 to 23:30

Fri - Sat 12 - 1am; Sat and Sun brunch starts at 10am





Broadway House

020 7610 3137

1st floor 474-476 Fulham Road, SW6 1BY Sample Dishes: 25oz Chateubriand; English Longhorn Sirloin 10oz and grilled fillet of sea bass. Price for two: Three courses with wine approx, \$35. Christmas menu \$19.50 for lunch, \$29.50 for dinner. Christmas day \$55.

Atmosphere: This elegant first floor restaurant combines the best of British with a Basque twist. **Opening Times:** Tuesday -Saturday 12pm-3pm 6pm-11pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm, closed Mondays.



Racine

020 7584 4477

239 Brompton Road, SW3 2EP

Sample dishes: Soupe de poisson and escargots a la bourguignonne.

Christmas menus: \$30-\$55 per head.

Winter lunch special: Duck confit, a salad and a glass of wine £16.50 or a la carte with wine, £45-60. **Atmosphere:** Bourgeois French cooked by chef patron Henry Harris.

Opening times: Monday to Friday; lunch 12-3pm, dinner 6-10.30pm; Sat and Sun 12 to 10.30pm.



Apero

020 7591 4410 2 Harrington Road SW7 3ER

Sample Dishes: Stone bass; sumac and beetroot risotto and braised chicory with golden Rasins.

Sharing Menu: From \$26 per head.

Atmosphere: A restaurant to catch up over a shared plate of something simple and modern. **Opening Times:** Lunch/Dinner: 12 to 3pm Monday to Friday, 6pm to 10.30pm Monday to Sunday. **Brunch:** Midday to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.



Aphrodite Tavern

020 7229 2206

15 Hereford Road, W2 4AB info@aphroditerestaurant.co.uk

Sample Christmas dishes: Special Lamb (or chicken) Kebab with grilled tomato and onion Vegetable Moussaka.

Approximate Price: \$25-\$30 per head.

Atmosphere: A traditionally decorated restaurant

with a charming and cosy interior. **Opening Times:** 12pm-12am

Monday-Saturday.



Searching for the perfect roast potatoes or a flawless pudding this December? Follow the wisdom of west London's greatest chefs

Christmas time saving with Tom Aikens

There are many ways to save time preparing the Christmas lunch so you can enjoy the day and not get stressed. Just make everything as easy as it can be and remember that it's supposed to be fun.

Prepare ahead! Cranberry and bread sauce can be made ahead of time. Vegetables can also be peeled and chopped the evening before. Chipolatas, stuffing ball and potatoes can all be pre-cooked and placed onto a single tray for re-heating.

Part of the problem with preparing Christmas lunch is lack of space – it is very difficult to cook everything and get it already at the same time.

You can roast the carrots and parsnips in frying pans on the gas stove instead of in the oven.

One of my top tips is on Christmas Eve, is to remove the turkey from the fridge and place into a roasting tray on a cooling wire to allow it to slowly come up to room temperature. This will mean the meat will cook more evenly when it's being roasted, as the temperature will be the same throughout the turkey. The meat will remain much more moist, particularly the breasts.

Time plan:

- Roast the turkey depending on the size 30 minutes per kilo, for the first 30 minutes cook on 200°C then turn the oven down to 180°C.
- 2. After 2-2 ½ hours put the potatoes into the oven for roasting
- **3.** If not prepared the night before, during this time make the bread and cranberry sauce
- 4. For the last 45 minutes cook the parsnips and carrots
- **5.** For the last 30 minutes cook the sprouts, chipolatas and bacon rolls.
- 6. Make the gravy whilst the turkey is resting.

tomaikens.co.uk



Christmas pudding made easy with Chris King, Head Chef at Roux at The Landau

If you're making your Christmas pudding yourself then the earlier the better – as the pudding ages the flavour develops. Last year's Christmas puddings are always the best, so if you're making a pudding this year make two and stay ahead!

A great Christmas pudding is all about the dried fruits and nuts – we add eight types of dried fruit and use best quality Marcona almonds.

If you do have leftover Christmas pudding don't throw it away. On boxing day cut thick slices, flour them and gently fry the pudding in foaming butter. Be sure to eat the pudding hot with thick, cold double cream. rouxatthelandau.com



Executive Chef at HIX Mayfair Lee Stretton's alternative sprouts

Sprouts with pancetta and chestnuts

Ingredients

200g of sliced sprouts; 50g of cubed pancetta; chestnuts or cobnuts; cream

Method

In pan, sauté the pancetta on a medium-low heat until it becomes golden. Add the butter and the sliced sprouts and sauté on medium low heat until tender crisp. Season with salt & pepper and add cream. Garnish with the chestnuts. brownshotel.com/dining/hix-mayfair





Jocelyn Herland, Head Chef at Alain Ducasse restaurant at The Dorchester on the perfect roast potatoes

For crispy roast potatoes, you will need Jersey Potatoes, salted butter, 2 cloves of garlic and thyme. Cut an angle into the edges of the potatoes, this stops the edges from burning and ensures that they cook evenly. Heat butter in your baking tray over the hob, when the butter is foaming, add the potatoes. (You can roast the potatoes in oil but butter will penetrate them more effectively). Next, squash the garlic but leave the skin on, this prevents it from overpowering the dish. Add the garlic and thyme to the pan. Place in an oven at 220°C. Try to shake the tray every few minutes to cooking evenly.

After 20 to 25 minutes, you should have perfect, crispy roast potatoes, ready to serve. For your gravy, the trick to getting it smooth is not to use flour. Instead, cook your trimmings with shallots and butter for 90 minutes. Strain the juices, and reduce in a sauce pan until it thickens. The key to the flavour is in the reduction. Enjoy! alainducasse-dorchester.com

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Forget goose, lamb or nut roast – this month the Ritz Chef is talking turkey



Another year has passed and all of Mother Nature's erstwhile seasons have rescinded, paving the way for that most magical time of year: winter. Gone are the young shoots of spring, the picnics and seascapes of summer and the sunset hues of autumn, turning the land over to the frosted carpets of glistening white snow, the quiet stillness that shrouds late mornings and early evenings, and the resounding cheers of the young and young at heart as they herald the season of Christmas. And as the Swedes have their Schnapps, the Australians their seafood and the Americans their goose; for us Brits, Christmas is not Christmas without a turkey.

Like many other Londoners, the passage of time does little to diminish my love of Christmas and the embracing chill that signifies its onset, for it is at this time of year that we English really come into our own. I relish wrapping up for brisk evening walks under the hazy eyes of glowing streetlamps; returning to the hearth to decamp in front of a warm fire and imbibe the scents of a roast supper; and making the journey, with children in tow, to collect the eagerly anticipated Christmas tree. But above all else, I adore descending upon a table that strains under the weight of a lip-smacking, crispy-skinned turkey, seated proudly amongst its compatriots: the cranberry and bread sauces, the ubiquitous sprouts and the sticky union of other assorted honey-roasted root vegetables. To me, this is the stuff of dreams!

The Ritz has always been a custodian of great British customs and heritage and for that reason I will always champion the traditional Norfolk bronze turkey served with roasted potatoes, glazed carrots and brussel sprouts on our festive menus. However, we admittedly have the assistance of a kitchen that spans the entire length of The Ritz and a team of

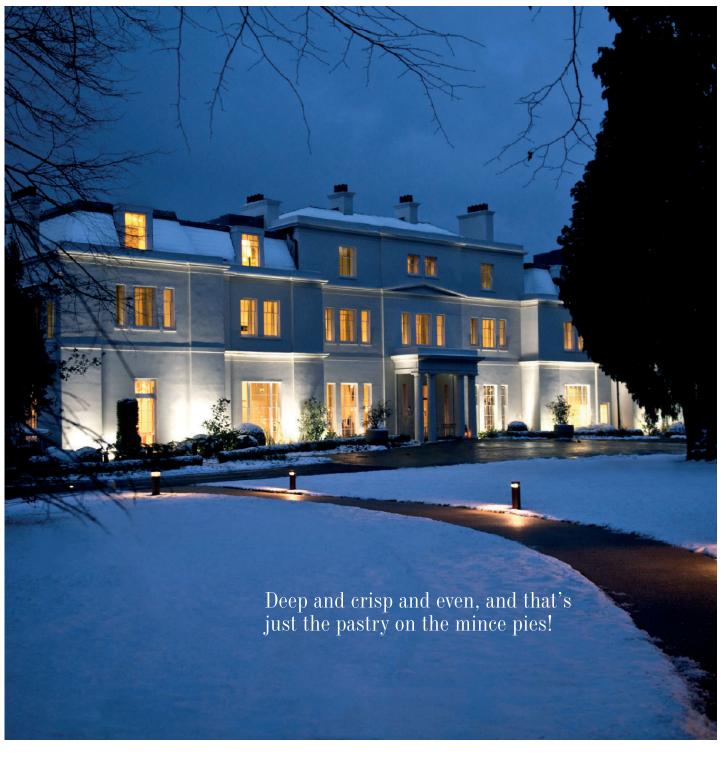
over 50 chefs to serve our hungry diners, a godsend that few homes will have to hand when planning for their festive feast.

For most, the cost to one's time and sanity is truly tested when cooking a traditional Christmas meal. However, it is a little known fact that the easiest and most exciting ways to enjoy turkey require neither oven nor hob, leaving the kitchen free for accompaniments and removing the trials of balancing too many dishes with minimal legroom.

Trust me when I say that smoking a turkey with a home smoker and aromatic wood chips will create an incomparably flavoursome bird and a grand entrance to the table that befits a beast of this cache, whilst barbequing a turkey is a great opportunity to get the family out of doors, warmed by the fire and entranced by the process. For those not eager to brave the elements for longer than absolutely necessary, many of London's finest institutions happily do all the hard work for you, leaving you to enjoy the merriment with your family.

So, to those readers who are feeling the need to go 'cold turkey' for fear of the perceived balancing act that traditional fare usually necessitates, I entreat you: don't venture from the eaten track. Think of your local butcher and farmer, of your children whose memories are in your hands, of your country whose traditions can only continue with your patronage, and of the turkey that cannot fulfil its Christmas destiny without your benefaction. Do not dismiss the turkey, but instead discover its plethora of alternative routes to the table. Your country and its countrymen thank you.

Wishing all *resident* readers a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. Gobble Gobble! }



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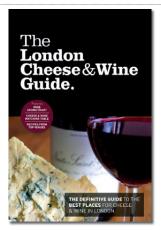
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Laura Vinogradova

Lady in red

This month, we selected a glamorous collection of exquisite red dresses to help turn heads this winter

Stylist's comment

Laura Vinogradova set up the rapidlygrowing fashion styling brand LAViNO MODA earlier in 2012, developing exciting fashion concepts for both editorial and commercial photo shoots and videos as well as personal and professional styling. Here, Laura tells us how best to wear red, and explains why the red carpet look will never go out of fashion.

Why red?

"Red projects confidence, it's all about passion and feminine power. I would opt for a different variety of shades: scarlet red, tomato red, ruby. blood-red. Long dresses are always popular, but this season they have come into their own."

Getting the right dress for your shape:

"For shorter and plus size women, I would recommend a darker shade as it gives the illusion of being leaner and taller. For red evening gowns, opt for a ruby or cherry shade. For fabrics, choose something luxurious, silk, chiffon - both will look better on a loose, figure hiding dress. It keeps the dress flowing and feminine. Avoid dresses that are too tight on the body. If it's too fitting, it will look simpler, and therefore less interesting."

For hair:

"I think the one hair colour that doesn't really suit red is vellowish blonde, but that will depend on the shade of the dress - for blondes try a darker shade. Taking your hair up with a floor length gown will give the look of a longer neck. Or, if you have shorter hair, leave it down and mess it up a little and give it more freedom. Headpieces are great with shorter evening gowns, and can really add to the dress.'

For details about LAVINO MODA visit: lavinomoda.com

Stylist's pick

Sequinned dresses are very trendy for A/W12. I love that this dress is part-sequinned. Red is so strong that a full body sequinned dress can be too much. I would recommend accessorising with gold items - something fine and elegant such as this Jules Smith Snake Charmer Cuff, £44 and necklace, £47. For shoes, wear gold, strappy sandals. Gold shoes can make the legs appear longer and slimmer, and because you have this striking colour, it's better to go for something lighter on the feet with a thin heel. Try these Lesina sandals, by B Brian Atwood £205.

All accessories available from shopbob.com



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When Patrick Kinmonth was presented with the Wall Street Journal's Innovator of the Year Award this year, it noted his unrestricted creativity. It might also have pointed out the dazzling breadth of it, as his talent and energy extends from directing opera to costume design, production design to creating major exhibitions such as *Valentino: Master of Couture* which has just opened at Somerset House.

"The accepted definition of an artist used to be that you have to concentrate on one thing in order to perfect it," Kinmonth explains, via Skype from Geneva where he has just designed the sets and costumes for a staging of Saint-Saëns' opera Samson and Delilah.

"I've been working in this very divergent way since I was 20, I'm now in my 50s, and everybody's attitude has started to change over the years. I thought I was a very artistic, creative person and didn't feel that I had to go into my studio and paint my pictures and never come out," says Kinmonth.



Renaissance man

Artist, opera director and the man behind Valentino's latest exhibit, there's no stopping Patrick Kinmonth, finds Anwar Brett

"I've never had a problem in saying yes. Sometimes, when you're working in a new discipline you have to take your courage in both hands."

His eclectic career is one that allows him to feast on the creative ingenuity of others, be it in the multiple collaborations required to stage an opera production, or the ringside seat into the work of an undisputed maestro, as he has found in staging an exhibition of the work of Italian designer Valentino Garavani.

Kinmonth, with collaborator



Antonio Monfreda, first worked on a Valentino exhibition five years ago at the Ara Pacis Museum in Rome. There followed another in Paris, and now this Somerset House exhibition offers the British public a chance to celebrate a lifetime of artistry and innovation from the Italian Master of Couture – a man responsible for more than just the iconic red dress.

"As exhibition designers we're always trying to find new ways of making the clothes come to life. And in this exhibition we're using film and digital animation and all kinds of other ways of presenting the photographic material."

One downside of such a packed

schedule is that it leaves Kinmonth less time to work at his beloved Rossetti Studios in Chelsea, a place of enormous significance for him.

"My wife is a photographer, Tessa Traeger, and we've worked on opposite sides of the corridor there for many years. It's named after the poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti who lived very nearby on Cheyne Walk."

As he recounts some of the talented souls who have spent time there, from Augustus John to Dylan Thomas, it's clear he relishes working in the same space that they once did – and the chance it offers to reinvigorate his own creativity.

"It's a wonderful place to be," he

smiles. "I come from a family where nobody was complimented, because it was considered you'd get a big head. So I have just really done my work thinking nobody else would take much notice," he explains. It seems times have changed, in the erudite circles of high art and fashion, there are few who would fail to recognise Kinmonth's name. "I would say to anybody who is thinking of a career in the arts, it's you who has got to give yourself permission to say – 'this is who I am.'" }

Valentino: Master of Couture will run at Somerset House until March 2013. For details: somersethouse.org.uk



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Fashion news

This month, we're celebrating 50 years of Caroline Charles and luxe jewellery in SW3



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- 2. Ralph Lauren Blossom Suede vest £620
- 3. Ivy dress by Cahide Bodur, £800 cbodur.blogspot.com



50 years of style

She's dressed the likes of Princess Diana, Mick Jagger and Dionne Warwick - and now Knightsbridge resident Caroline Charles will celebrate 50 years in British fashion with the release of her retrospective book. Charles is one of the great success stories of the British fashion industry. She created her first collection in 1963 in a Chelsea attic and by 22, she held her first show in New York, and found herself at the centre of the 'youthquake.' The book, Caroline Charles: 50 Years In Fashion features sketches and photographs that capture the energy of the 60s fashion. Caroline Charles: 50 Years In Fashion is available from the label's Beauchamp Place store and at carolinecharles.co.uk, £45

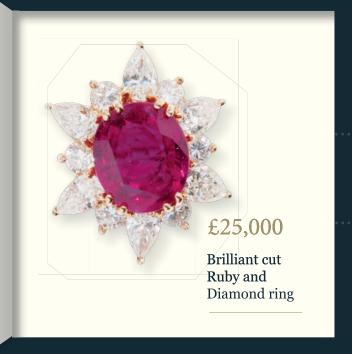




The Kate effect

Jewellers Robinson Pelham recently made their debut into retail, opening their first ever shop on Elystan Street, Kensington. Over the past 16 years, the company have created more than 7,000 private commissions of fine statement jewellery, the most famous being the diamond oak leaf and acorn earrings worn by Kate Middleton on her Royal Wedding day, attracting worldwide attention for the company. 39 Elvstan Street SW3 3NT robinsonpelham.com





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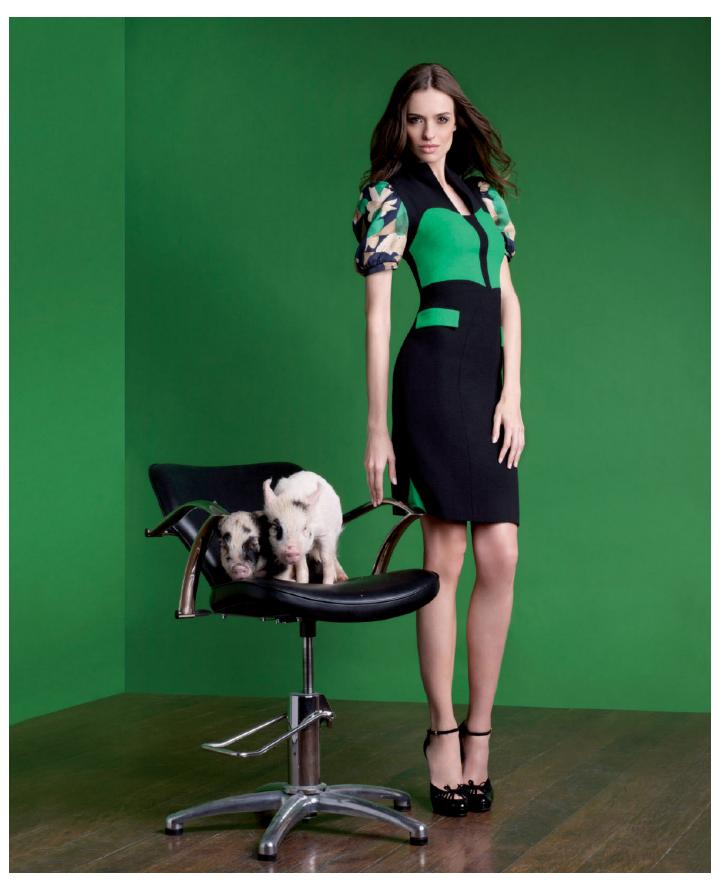


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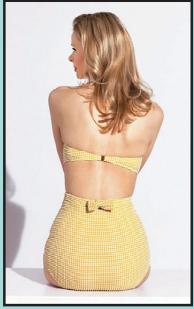
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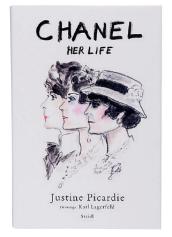
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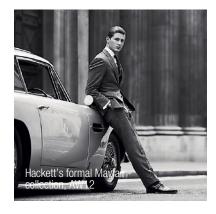
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When and where did your career in fashion first begin?

I left school at 17 upon the advice of my headmaster having failed all my exams and my father said to me at the time, "if you don't pull your socks up you will end up working in a shop." Fortunately that is exactly what happened.

How would you describe your personal style?

Classical, tweed jackets, corduroys, grey flannel suits. Essentially British.

Have you ever had a blip fashion judgement?

A couple of seasons ago, I mistakenly thought that if I made sweaters purposely with holes at the elbows it would be an ironic take on elbow patches. Suffice to say, it was a complete disaster.

What, in your opinion, is a quintessential English look?

Tweed Jacket and corduroy trousers worn in of course, no Englishman wants to look like the new boy.

What west London site inspires you?

Battersea Power Station, it is only over Chelsea Bridge and it is a building I have admired and see daily ever since coming to London in 1972. I am so pleased they are going to restore it.

If you could only shop in one area of London, where would it be – and what would you buy?

It would have to be Mayfair where I could indulge in having my suits, shirts, and shoes handmade.



You began your career sourcing British second hand clothing, what were some of your prize finds?

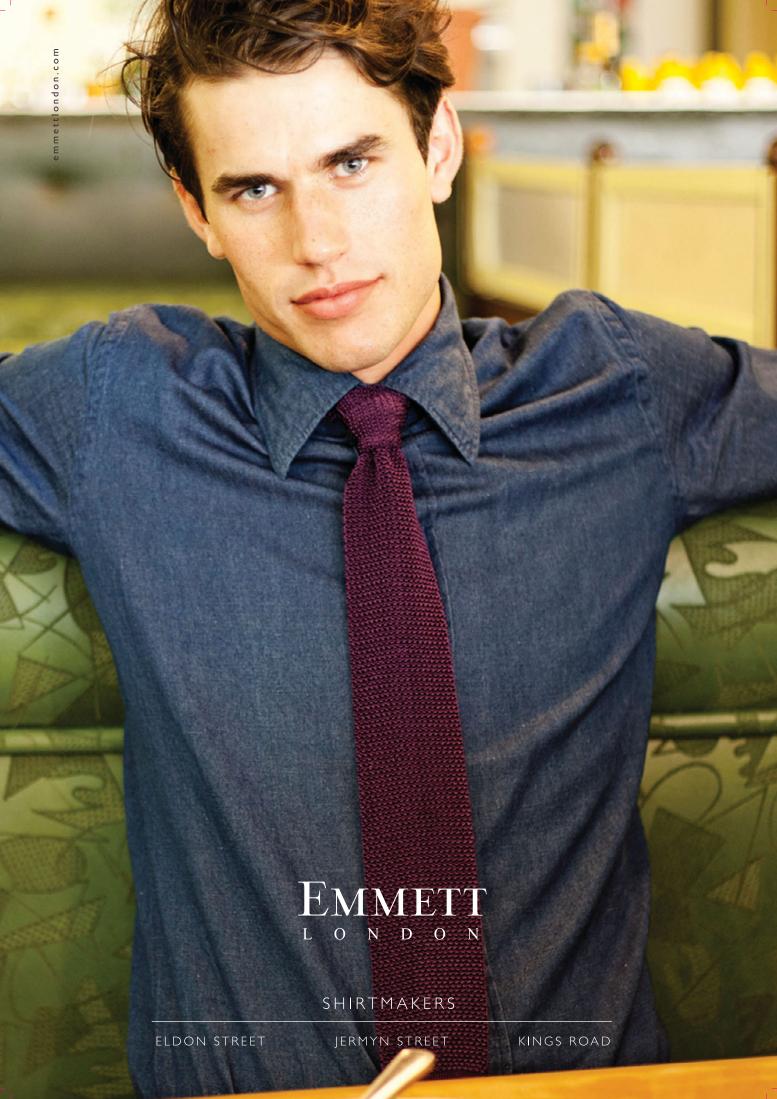
In the early years of Hackett I bought some wonderful handmade clothes which I regret having to sell but I needed to pay the rent. I remember buying five Louis Vuitton cases one morning for \$175 and selling them an hour later for \$3,500. I still own a pair of unworn hunting boots made for Edward the 8th for the princely sum of \$3.

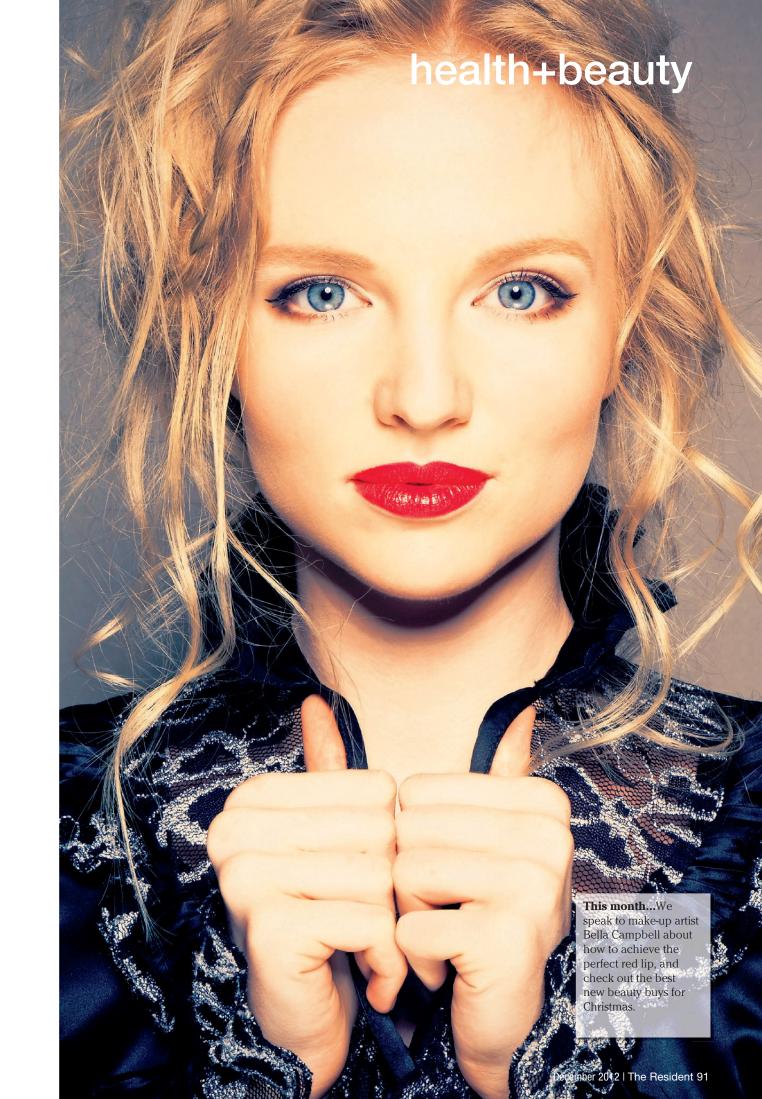
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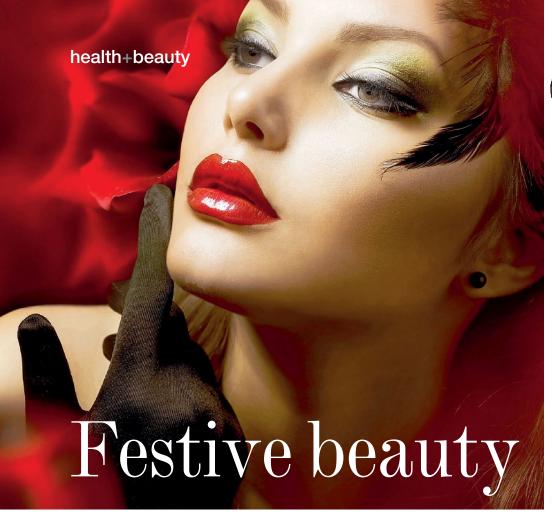
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Most wanted

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Sparkling palettes

When it comes to eye make-up, Christmas is a time of year that lets everyone embrace a little glitter. We love the limited edition Eye Quartet Mineral Palette, \$30, by Clarins. Its soft brown shades help to create deep, smoky eye, with the option of a gold-leaf like shade. But if you're looking for something a little more versatile. try the Guerlain Liu Eye and Lip Calligraphy Palette. With two dramatic shades for the lips, combined with three lustrous eye shadows, it provides all your make-up essentials in one place. Find it at House of Fraser, £54, houseoffraser.co.uk

Extravagant lashes

Turn heads this Christmas with these intricate false eyelashes by Paperself. The over-the-top style features peacocks, butterflies and gothic-inspired designs to liven your lashes. £12.95 a pair, created by Paperself, available at the Conran Shop, conranshop.co.uk



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What would be your top beauty product this Christmas?

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What beauty looks will be popular for Christmas 2012?

A bold graphic eye line is a timeless look and works perfectly with a party dress. I prefer liquid liners to get a precise line, the smaller the brush the easier it is to get closer to the lash line.

Never use liquid eyeliner on its own, a heavy strip of black can overload the eyelid and make your eyes look smaller. Finish with a black mascara. Try Estée Lauder Sumptuous Extreme.

Another classic look that has appeared again this Christmas is the red velvet lip. Make sure your edges are perfectly defined. You can wear the look glossy or matte, vibrant or sheer or even go for a vampy dark lip.

TIP: The general rule to follow is to pick a red that matches your skin's undertones. For pale skin with rosy undertones pick a pinky red, for pink skin with colder purple/blue undertones try plum shades, for warm golden skins opt for warmer orangey reds. Although a true red will look good on any skin tone. I like ART DECO make up for this look.

What are your Christmas party 'dos' and 'don'ts'

for beauty?

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- Keep hydrated. Try to drink at least a litre of water a day, especially after a big night out at a Christmas party.
- If you have no time before your Christmas party for a fresh face of make-up, add some moisturiser to your foundation to prevent it caking over the previous layer from the day and only apply to areas that need it. Always blend out to prevent tide marks.
- Remove your make-up before you sleep!

Don't:

- Never curl your lashes just after applying your mascara as this can cause your lashes to break. To really make your eyes pop try a pair of fake lashes.
- Try to avoid strong eyes and lips, the overall look can result in clownlike make-up.
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Louise's signature programme, The Intensive is the ultimate kick-start, ensuring the best body fat reduction possible in a 6-week period. This unique programme combines six hours a week of her exercise method, alongside a rigorous dietary overhaul, for a six-week period. "Each week we train you in the comfort of your own home – bringing the gym to you and saving precious time," says Louise. "With our support, you simply cannot fail – clients routinely drop two dress sizes on the Intensive."

The Intensive employs exercise and diet methods that radically shift body fat and totally re-sculpt the body, without compromising metabolism. "It's so important to boost your metabolism so that once you have lost the weight you can easily keep it off," she notes. "So many diets will get the weight off but your metabolism will come to a grinding halt or they are just not sustainable." The programmes' emphasis on resistance work and an intelligent eating plan ensure the results that clients achieve are long lasting, and, most of all, easy to maintain. "No aspect of what we do is extreme," she explains. "Every element of the plan is sensible, scientific with a vision of longevity".

Louise Parker offers her inspired nutrition method in the Optimum Weight Loss Programme for clients who want to learn her method without personal training at this time. "Some clients with larger amounts of weight to lose just want to tackle the diet before they do the fitness angle – and we understand that. Others may be within close reach of their goal but frustrated that trend dieting and stubborn eating patterns are short-circuiting their exercise efforts".

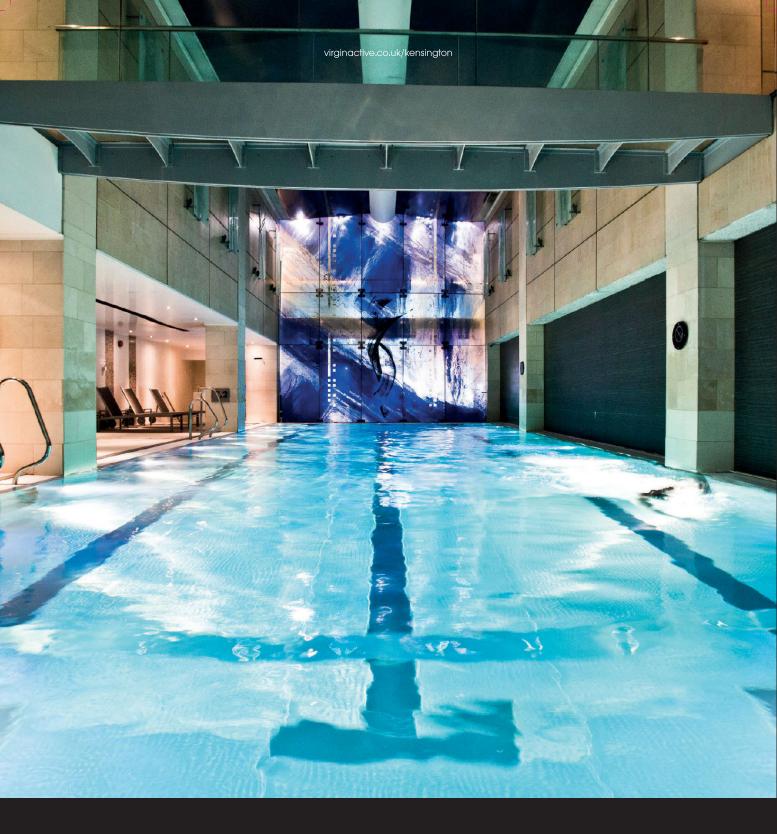
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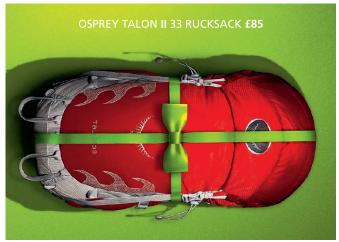


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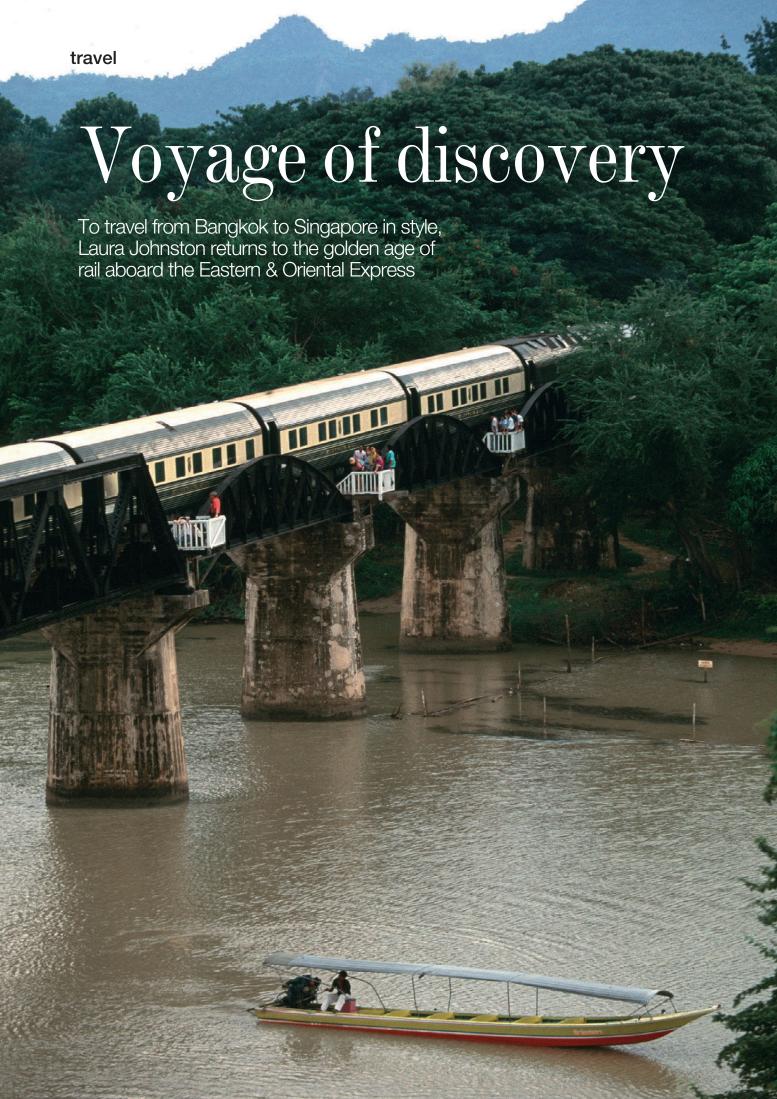












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South East Asia was
during my gap year
when I spent a month
backpacking from
Bangkok to Singapore.
Travelling on a shoe-string I stayed in
\$4 a night huts and journeyed south
on uncomfortable overnight bus rides,
before hopping across to the islands
for beach parties where cocktails were
served in buckets.

Many years later I am back in the 'Land of Smiles,' but this time to travel aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express – cramped buses replaced with luxurious carriages and champagne served by charming waiters to toast the exquisite surroundings passed by on this iconic trip.

My journey begins in Bangkok where I spend two nights in the spectacular Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Welcoming staff and tumbling displays of exotic flowers offer a warm greeting and a hint of the exquisite interior that has inspired generations of writers, who are honoured in the author's wing of the hotel. It would be easy to spend all day in this exquisite place, but as well as a fascinating city to explore, the hotel offers a welcoming swimming pool, fabulous restaurants, cookery classes and a serene spa and wellness centre across the Chao Phraya River. I indulge in a massage, which is a must in order to fully relax ready for a slower, more leisurely pace of life on board the Eastern & Oriental Express.

The majestic green and cream train departs from Bangkok's Hualampong Station and climbing aboard is like stepping back in time. The train is a stark contrast to the sights, smells and sounds of the city and as I'm shown to my state cabin I'm instantly cocooned

in an oasis of calm. It is sumptuously decorated with gleaming wooden panelling and velvety pink armchairs which will offer views of an exotic new world for the next four days.

As the train gently chugs out of the station I make my way to the observation carriage to watch the landscape slowly begin to change as we leave the city behind. As the sun sets over the passing countryside we return to our cabins to dress for dinner - men in suits and women in cocktail dresses. Chef Yannis Martineau works with his small team in a tiny kitchen measuring only two by 15 metres where they create five-course culinary masterpieces. Evening dinner is a magnanimous feast inside the dining cart, which is beautifully decorated with crisp white linen tablecloths set with gleaming cutlery and exquisite hand-cut crystal glasses (surprisingly heavy so they don't fall over!). The fivecourse feast of mouth-watering Euro-Asian cuisine includes delights such as panfried goose liver on gingerbread tartine and tom yam cappuccino with fennel and celery, which beg to be eaten even when your appetite is sated. After dinner we make our way to the bar to sip G&Ts and listen to the resident pianist playing. When I retire to my cabin the sofa has magically been transformed into a cosy bed ready for me to drift off to sleep, gently lulled by the sway of the carriage and the hum of the engine...

Okay, so admittedly it was difficult to sleep on the first night, but I jump out of bed at the crack of dawn to watch as the train passes over the spectacular wooden trestle viaduct from Wang Po. It then makes its way to the bridge over the River Kwai, made famous by the film of the same name. Here we >>>



Best of Bangkok

Culture: No visit to Bangkok is complete without a trip to the Grand Palace to see the breathtaking golden temples and the Royal Monastery of the Emerald Buddha. After a guided tour we visited nearby Wat Po, one of the oldest temples in Bangkok and home to the famous 45m reclining Buddha. A visit to the Pak Klong Talad Flower Market is also a must as is a long-tail boat trip along the canals of Thonburi.

Food: If, like me, you're a lover of Thai cuisine then book a class at The Mandarin Oriental's renowned Oriental Thai Cooking School. The brilliant instructor Narain Kiattiyotcharoen taught us how to make lemongrass fritter salad (delicious!) and mock ark shells in coconut sauce.

Nightlife: Bangkok has a seedy after-dark reputation but embrace the hustle and bustle and you will love this chaotic city. We jumped in a tuk-tuk for a hairraising journey to the ultra-stylish LeBua Skybar in Silom (don't let the fact it featured in *The Hangover 2* put you off) where from the 63rd floor at the top of this 5* hotel we sipped cocktails whilst admiring breath-taking views across the Chao Phraya River and the city.

Shopping: If you want to buy Thai silk then a visit to the home of Jim Thompson (the American who contributed significantly to the growth of the Thai silk industry before he mysteriously disappeared) is a must before you visit his shop to buy souvenirs.





disembark the train and board a raft for a river cruise where we listen to a historical talk. The building of the 415 kilometre Thailand-Burma railway during the Second World War claimed the lives of thousands of prisoners of war and local labourers, and nearby is a new museum that is well worth a visit, along with the neatly kept Don-Rak War Cemetery.

Back on board the days become a blissful blur of watching the passing scenery. The train clatters along gently, reaching a maximum speed of 60kph, and standing in the observation cart with wind blowing through my hair, it is mesmerising to watch the rice fields, rubber plantations, coconut trees and the occasional shimmering temple whizz by. Locals, equally as fascinated by the beauty of the train, rush out onto the tracks cheerily waving us on our way. As the train rattles along the Malay Peninsula during the evening we enjoy a memorable cocktail in the observation carriage as we pass through the dense jungle.

Another excursion has been planned to Georgetown, Penang, but the Thai locomotive breaks down just before the border, meaning we are delayed for a couple of hours and so don't arrive until late in the evening. No one seems to mind though as this trip is all about enjoying the regal mode of transport and the fine dining on offer. Each

carriage has its own steward (who is the magician to thank for the cabin's transformation) and he discreetly looks after your every need. On a morning he brings me a continental breakfast, and if, after the four-course gourmet lunch you are ready to indulge again, press your room buzzer and afternoon tea appears.

As well as the plethora of fine dining there are numerous talks on board including lessons on exotic fruits and spices and a foot massuse, palm reader and astrologer. On our trip we are joined by a variety of guests from single travellers to honeymooners and couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries, who peruse the boutique in search of a special gift to remember this once-in-a-lifetime journey.

Some 2,030km later, the train slowly crosses the Johor Causeway into Singapore where the journey ends. One final night of luxury awaits us at Singapore's Mandarin Oriental Hotel where rooms offer picture-postcard views of the city and harbour. After a bit of sightseeing I find time for an early evening swim in the pool, which offers spectacular views of the bright city lights, before we reflect on our adventure with a delicious Cantonese meal in the Cherry Garden restaurant. Finally we toast our epic adventure with a Singapore Sling. The perfect ending to this fairy tale adventure.



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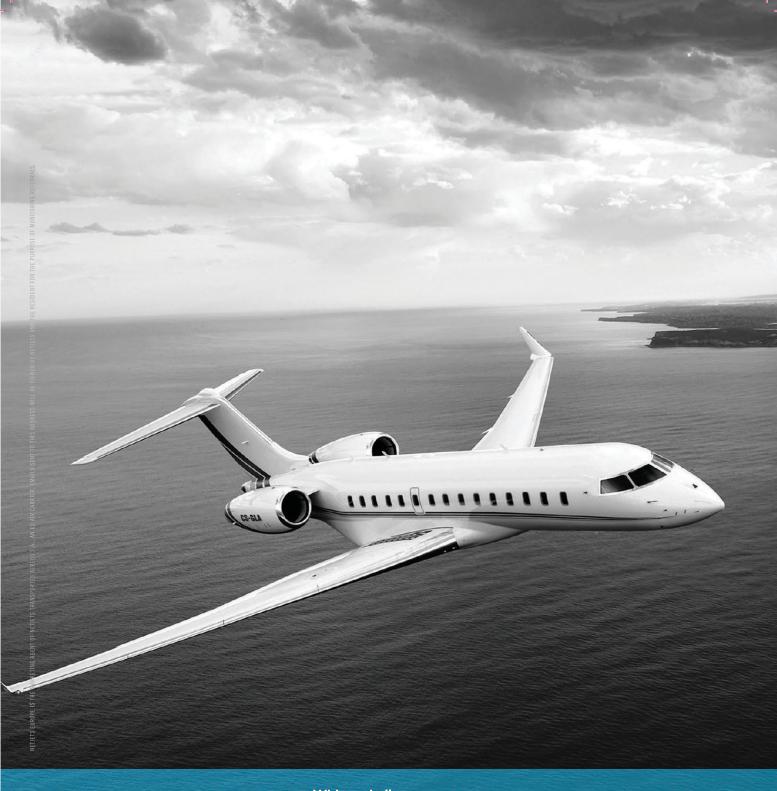
If you're splashing out on such an epic adventure then you may as well begin it in style. I flew business class on Emirates new double-decker A380 (with a stop-over in Dubai), which offers a luxurious way to relax when high in the sky. On board there are comfy, private seats that recline into beds, a plethora of entertainment choices and an abundance of award-winning cuisine including grilled scallops and steak. And if you're in a celebratory mood you can sip cocktails in the onboard bar. Flying first class is the ultimate treat as the décor was in fact inspired by the Eastern & Oriental Express.



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It's only three hours away, gets plenty of sun, and is bursting with exotic things to do. What's not to love about a weekend in Marrakech, asks Vicky Smith

Despite being only the third largest city in Morocco, Marrakech is the one that hogs most of the limelight and attracts thousands of tourists every year. During 2012 alone, nearly 20 new hotels opened up across the city, and the stream of British travellers making their way over is ever increasing. As rich in history as it is landscape, it's pretty safe to say a weekend in Marrakech could well be the ultimate mini break. Make sure you don't miss a thing with our guide to some of its best bits, and an amazing new spa hotel.

What to do:

One of the main draws is, of course, the souks. You've probably heard it before, but do be prepared to haggle – it's part of the fun, and even the locals do it. It's also advisable to take your time – the labyrinthine souks are crammed with stalls and shops, and as many offer similar products, it's worth looking around to get the best you can. Leather goods are the obvious choice, but the array of ceramics, silver, clothing and homewares is mind boggling.

I found myself seriously considering ways of transporting an ornately-carved wooden door back to Clapham. It was never going to happen, but it's a good indication of the feverish enthusiasm that can be

generated when surrounded by such exciting shopping opportunities.

The main town square is another must-visit, and we found it much more fun at night, when the snake charmers and men with monkeys appeared to have calmed down, and been replaced by smoky food stalls and an electric atmosphere.

For a truly spectacular start to your day, you can take a hot air balloon ride to watch the sun rise over the desert. As wondrous as it sounds, it's a serene and beautiful way to see the terrain surrounding the city, including the Atlas Mountains. Make sure you also visit the Jardin Marjorelle – a verdent oasis that surrounds the former home of Yves Saint Laurent and is as stylish as you'd expect.

Where to stay:

The newly-opened Mosaic Palais Aziza and Spa is the perfect base for your weekend. Located in the exclusive Palmerie district, this boutique resort is set within five acres of lush gardens, and accommodation is split into 28 rooms, suites and villas. The hotel has been created using traditional Moroccan designs, and rooms are large and luxurious. Whether you're in the main building or a private garden villa, there's a feeling of seclusion that leads to total relaxation. But if that's not enough,

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My residence

Actress, writer and 'queen of cakes,' Jane Asher tells us what she loves about spending Christmas in Chelsea

Where do you live and work?

I've lived near the river in Chelsea since meeting my husband Gerald Scarfe more than forty years ago and it's an area I'm extremely fond of. My acting work, of course, takes me all over the place and I never quite know where I'll be based next, but my cake business has been firmly established in Chelsea Green for over twenty years.

What's been your proudest moment professionally?

If had to pick one it would be a play called *Festen* that we did at the Almeida a few years ago. It tackled the complex and upsetting theme of child abuse, and was one of the most dramatic and extraordinary evenings in the theatre that I've ever been part of. All of us in the production felt very lucky to be part of it.

Do you still get recognised when you go out?

Inevitably, if you appear on television you're bound to be recognised. There also seem to be some days when I look more like Jane Asher than others...

What attracted you to cake decoration?

I learnt basic cooking from watching and helping my mother in the kitchen, but her cake decorating was pretty basic: a plaster robin pushed into some icing snow on a Christmas cake. Very charming in its own way, but not very adventurous. I've always loved making things look good as well as taste wonderful.

What will you be baking this Christmas?

Not a Christmas cake, as the fantastic team at my shop always present me with a very special one, but I will, as usual, be baking on Sundays while listening to the *Archers* omnibus: anything from a simple sponge to some eclairs or Eccles cakes. My favourite way of relaxing.

If I had the power to change Chelsea the first thing I would do is.... Eradicate the poverty. People tend to think of it as solely a rich area, but there are pockets of extreme deprivation and distress – as there are, sadly, in most parts of this wonderful city.

My favourite part of Chelsea is...

Sloane Square, particularly over the Christmas period when the trees are strung with lights. With Peter Jones on one side to fulfil my acquisitive side and the Royal Court on the other to balance it with a bit of culture, what more could you want?

I would never move out of the area because...

Never say never! I grew up in Marylebone and couldn't imagine moving south of Hyde Park but of course very quickly learnt to love Chelsea. It would be a very narrow-minded person who couldn't see that there just might be other places equally special.

If Chelsea were a cake, what would it be?

But of course it already is; the magnificent Chelsea bun.

My favourite restaurants in the area are... We often pop into La Delizia for a pizza or pasta and we are already regulars at the Colbert in Sloane Square.

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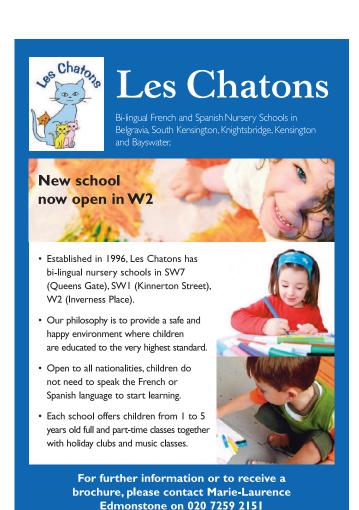
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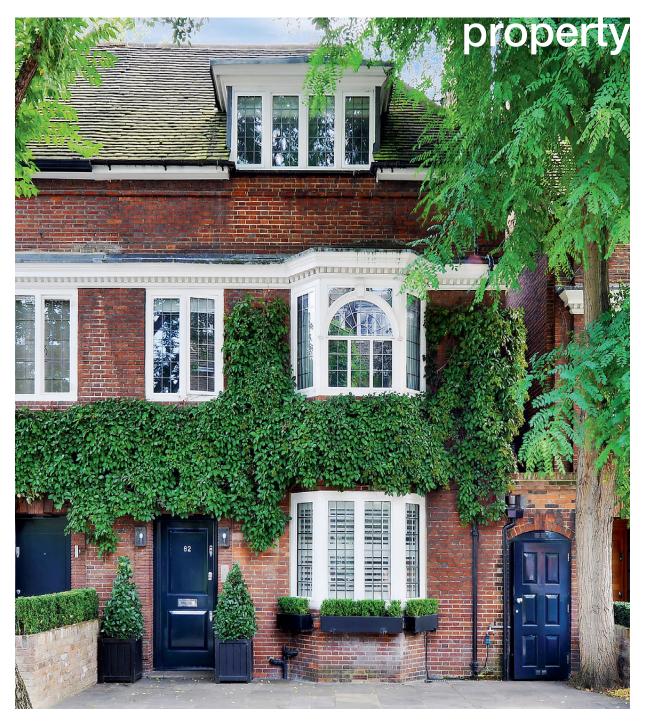




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London has an extraordinary choice of apartments, the majority of which are leasehold, so this month I've been looking at the ins and outs of owning a leasehold home. I've also been exploring some of the most beautiful family homes on the market, and discovering why Notting Hill is such a great place to live and work. Karen Tait, Property Editor

Editor's pick

There's something just so charming about this low-built red-brick house on Chelsea's Elm Park Road. It's deceptively spacious, with kitchen and reception/dining room, master bedroom suite on the first floor, and a further two/three bedrooms and bathroom on the second floor. There's also a south-facing garden, ticking the outside space box, and very welcome off-street parking. It's for sale at \$6,250,000 (Knight Frank, 020 7349 4300)



News and views

Uncertain times may be ahead but, buoyed up by international buyers seeking a safe haven, London still outperforms the rest of the UK

New year, new market

While central London has weathered the economic storm of recent years, in its '2013 Forecasts' report, Hamptons International suggests a number of factors could have a negative impact on prices and performance next year.

Average prices in prime central London have risen by 12% since January according to Land Registry figures. The average PCL house is now worth nearly three times that of a Greater London property, and almost seven times the UK average.

According to the report, the negative impact on demand caused by stamp duty changes could continue into 2013 if the government stays the course with planned changes. Research by Hamptons shows that transactions on \$2m+ properties fell by over 40% from April to September 2012 compared to 2011. The report points to uncertainty surrounding the introduction of the 'annual charge' and the results of the consultation

regarding the introduction of 15% tax on non-natural persons, which could perpetuate reduced transaction levels.

The report also highlighted the following influences:

- The Eurozone crisis has buoyed prime prices as individuals and investors sought a safe haven for their money. Continued uncertainty over the future of the euro will help sustain demand for PCL property into 2013.
- Tax measures introduced by the French Socialist government that target high net worth individuals and corporations may cause them to move their money out of the country in search of less punitive tax regimes, including London.
- Continued weakness in bonus payments, relative to pre-downturn levels, will continue to suppress domestic demand for PCL properties.
- Limited supply in PCL has always been a factor that supports prices. This is pushing the market into new areas such as South Bank, the City, Fulham and Victoria.

The development pipeline for this expanded prime area is growing, with 683 units expected to come to market in 2013, and 1,048 units in 2014.

On the rental side, the report points to subdued growth in central London due to the continued reluctance of corporate occupiers to pay for premium accommodation during times of cost restraint. However, with available stock up 55% in London over this time last year, the impact on rents has been modest.

Hamptons predicts that London will retain the top spot regionally as demand continues from young professionals who are unable to buy their own property.

2013 House Price Predictions

- · Prime London: 0%
- · Greater London: 0%
- UK: 2%

2013 Rental Growth

- · Prime London: -1%
- · Greater London: 2%
- UK: 0%

What to look for when viewing a property

The National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) has reported that househunters – particularly first-time buyers – are often unsure of what they should be looking for during an initial viewing. In response, the organisation has come up with the following points to consider when viewing a property:

- 1) ASK DIRECT QUESTIONS: It is important to be aware of what you are buying into, which means asking tough questions you might normally consider impolite. Ask why the seller is moving on and whether there have been any issues with the neighbours. The seller doesn't have to tell you about any problems with the property, so it's up to you to investigate.
- 2) VIEW AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE DAY: Being able to view outside areas will help with early decision making and noise levels might change depending on how close the location is to bars and other public venues.
- 3) ASK YOURSELF IF THE PROPERTY SUITS YOUR REQUIREMENTS: Even if there are no obvious faults with the property, consider whether it represents the most practical option for your needs. Think about whether the rooms are big enough for your furniture and if the place will require significant investment.
- 4) CONSIDER THE LOCATION: Take a walk around the local area to check proximity to main roads or overhead flight paths that could add excess noise. Look at off-street parking and any planned developments as well.

End of boom?

Knight Frank's latest house price report predicts that property prices across the UK will only reach their 2007 peak in 2019 – the longest housing market recovery on record.

Although housing transactions are expected to rise by 2% in 2013, they will remain below peak levels for the rest of the decade. No price movement is expected in 2013, as tax changes are forecast to weigh on prime central London prices.

"Prime property prices in central London have bucked the trend of the wider housing market in the UK over the past few years, bouncing back 50% after the post-crisis trough to reach a new high," says Liam Bailey, global Head of Residential Research.

Price increases have been driven by demand for luxury London homes from overseas buyers, but the report says government policy is set to have an impact on the market next year.

"We forecast that prices in prime central London will remain unchanged overall next year," says Bailey, "effectively bringing the boom seen over the past three or four years to an end, before more moderate price growth is seen once again from 2014 onwards."

Wait and see

In its latest research on prime central London, Chesterton Humberts blames a 'wait and see' mentality for the fall in transactions volumes, caused by a lack of clarity over proposed tax legislation, a constrained mortgage market and wider economic uncertainties. During the third quarter, transaction volumes in central London fell 3.6% on the previous quarter, despite stock levels being up 13.5% reports Chesterton Humberts.

Record stamp duty bill

The owners of Britain's most expensive homes paid around a fifth of the \$4.22b stamp duty land tax last year. Five inner London boroughs – Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Wandsworth, Camden and Hammersmith & Fulham – accounted for 20% of the total bill, with home buyers paying a total of \$828m.

Kensington & Chelsea contributed to 4,160 total sales over \$2m, to a value of \$6,121m, representing 6.37% of the total stamp duty takings by the government in the past year. The Borough has the highest 'average rate of average stamp duty rate paid across the location' in the UK at 4.4%.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The latest Office of National Statistics House Price Index shows that in the 12 months to August 2012, UK house prices increased by 1.8%, down from a 2% increase in the 12 months to July. House price increases in England were driven by a 6.3% rise in London, along with increases of 2.4% in the South East and 1.2% in the West Midlands.
- Million pound home sales have dropped to the lowest level since 2009, declining 11% in the first half of this year compared to 2011, according to research from Lloyds TSB, which reported 3,043 sales of homes worth at least a £1m in Britain in the first half of 2012 compared with 3,413 in 2011.
- A London property is on sale for a record asking price of £100m through Savills, making it the most expensive terraced house in the world. The Grade I listed mansion on Cornwall Terrace, overlooking Regent's Park, has seven bedrooms, nine bathrooms and 11 reception rooms. It was once the official London residence of the New Zealand High Commissioner.
- A penthouse on Park Lane has sold for £19.5m, representing a 400% appreciation since being sold by the same agent, Wetherell, in 1996.
- At the time of writing Bond fever is raging, so how about a property with a Bond connection, as well as a Beetles link, no less. In the early 1990s Ringo Starr and his wife Barbara Bach, a former 'Bond Girl', lived at 4 Glynde Mews just off Walton Street, SW3. Some five years ago, Glynde Mews was purchased from The Wellcome Trust, and has since been redeveloped to provide four houses each with underground parking. Prices start from £3,650,000 (www.kayeandcarey.co.uk).



This ground and garden maisonette on Upper Belgrave Street in Belgravia has 116 years remaining on the lease — two double bedrooms lead out onto a private courtyard and there's a large double reception room. It's on the market for £5,950,000 (W.A.Ellis, 020 7306 1610)

A new lease of life

With most flats and some houses on the London property market being leasehold, it is important to understand the implications before you buy

Last month we looked at the pros and cons of adding space – and value – to your home by building an extension. Here we consider a different kind of extension, but one that can also add value – lease extensions.

WHAT DOES LEASEHOLD MEAN?

Homeownership is one of the cornerstones of our society. But, in fact, many people who buy a home in London do not actually own it. Most flats, and some houses, are purchased as a leasehold interest, which means you have the right to occupy the property for a set amount of time, after which it reverts to the freeholder.

A freehold interest – the outright ownership of a property for an unlimited period – applies to the majority of houses. The freeholder (or landlord) can grant a lease to another person. In law, a lease is a tenancy and the leaseholder is a tenant.

Leasehold ownership usually relates to everything inside the flat, while the structure and common parts of the building and the land it stands on are usually owned by the freeholder, who is responsible for their upkeep. These costs may be recovered via service charges billed to the leaseholders.

"Leasehold often means that landlords *have* to keep buildings looking good," says Ed Mead of Douglas & Gordon. "Where landlords own a whole street, it can help keep standards up and avoid 'rotten teeth syndrome' where bad houses defile a beautiful terrace."

As you would expect from a landlord/tenant relationship, there is rent to pay, as set out in the lease, but it is normally only a token amount

(often between \$50 and \$250) due to the tenant having already paid a considerable sum for the lease.

"In the case of a leasehold, you are paying a large upfront premium to rent the land (usually for a very long time) from the freeholder to whom you then continue to pay a 'ground rent', which is generally a fairly nominal sum," explains Oliver Lurot of Savills.

"The main difference between the two is the period of time that you will 'own' the property but as in most cases you can extend the lease, it is rare that you will have to hand the property back to the freeholder any time soon! Does it really matter if you own the property forever or for only 999 years?"

The leaseholders can also own the freehold of the building through a residents' management company, effectively becoming their own



landlord. Furthermore, under 'right to manage', the lessees can manage the building as if they were the landlord even if they don't own the freehold.

"You will find leasehold flats and houses everywhere, but they are especially prevalent in central London, on the big estates," says Roarie Scarisbrick of independent buying agents Property Vision.

"Not everybody understands the concept. The reality is that they are much less mysterious than they appear at first; there are laws in place to protect the interests of the leaseholder and everything is calculable."

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The lease sets out the rights and obligations of both landlord and tenant, such as responsibility for repairs or dealing with noisy neighbours, whether you need permission to make alterations, the amount of service charges, and so on. The landlord usually arranges the building insurance (not contents).

"Always check the planned budgets and proposed works budget as this will give you an idea of additional costs that could be involved with purchasing a leasehold property," advises Richard Cleminson of Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward.

Ed Mead explains that with a lease "you are likely to have to get what's called a licence to assign, which means your landlord can ask for bank and professional references to check you have the wherewithal to buy the property and pay to maintain it.

"You will usually have to seek permission, and occasionally pay a premium, to alter or extend a leasehold property," he adds. "Check that consent for this cannot be unreasonably withheld."

HOW LONG IS THE LEASE?

A lease will be for a fixed term, usually 99 or 125 years, sometimes as long as 999 years. You could buy a property with only 20 or 30 years left on the lease, but its market value would reflect that. Most mortgage companies won't lend on a property with a lease of less than 65 years.

At the start of the lease there is little difference in value between a freehold and a leasehold property. However, as the lease gets shorter, the leasehold property reduces in value, whereas the freehold property grows in value in line with market conditions.

"The drop-off in value is slow from

90 to around 40 years, when the graph begins to drop quickly. From 20 years you are in virtual freefall," says Roarie Scarisbrick. "Buying a mid-term lease, providing you have done the sums, can be a neat way of financing a purchase, and you get 100% use of the property for around 60% of its value."

As Ed Mead explains, shorter leases can be a good route to owning a good flat: "Your friends won't know if you have a shorter lease and you can then buy a 90-year extension when you have the money."

THE END IS NIGH?

When the lease comes to an end, the tenant loses the right to occupy the property and has to hand it back to the landlord. In reality though, the tenant normally starts the process of extending the lease long before that.

"I always recommend that anyone with a lease of less than 85 years remaining should consider extending," says Richard Cleminson. "The costs incurred increase considerably when extending a lease of under 80 years."

The cost of extending a lease is based on three important components, explains Richard Barber of W. A. Ellis. "Firstly, the landlord must be compensated for the loss of ground rent payable under the existing lease, as this would be reduced under the new lease. Secondly, the landlord must be compensated for the loss of their 'reversionary interest' at the end

of the existing lease, as the value of the landlord's reversion increases as the unexpired term reduces, and the expiry date approaches. Finally, where the existing lease has 80 years or less remaining, 'Marriage Value' – which takes account of the extended and existing lease value – is payable. In order to avoid paying this, a Section 42 notice must be served before the existing lease reduces to 80 years."

HOW DO I EXTEND MY LEASE?

You can extend your lease individually, buy the freehold collectively with your neighbours, or extend your individual leases collectively to achieve cost-sharing.

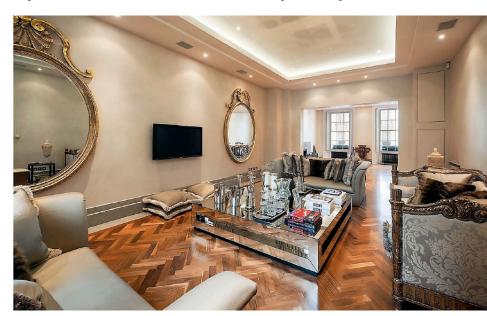
You can ask the landlord to extend your lease at any time. You can also negotiate certain changes to the lease, known as 'varying the lease'. In very rare cases, a landlord can end the lease and evict the leaseholder. The tenant can usually end a lease by giving at least one month's notice.

BUYING THE FREEHOLD

You can also ask the landlord to sell you the freehold at any time. You might also qualify for the right to buy it. Note that there are different legal rules for flats and houses.

If the landlord wants to sell the freehold, they usually have to offer you and the other leaseholders the chance to buy it first, known as your 'right of first refusal'.

The main difference is the period of time that you 'own' the property – does it matter if you own it forever or for only 999 years?







This modernised period house has a master

bedroom and en-suite on the first floor for mum and dad, and a further two bedrooms and bathroom for the kids on the second floor. There's also a conservatory, patio and roof terrace. John D. Wood, 020 7352 1484





Going green

Trevor Square, Knightsbridge, SW7 £2,750 per week

Lots of outside options for this Grade II listed Georgian house with three bedroom suites – choose from the courtyard garden, the garden square or Hyde Park when you want a breath of fresh air. Savills, 020 7584 8585



Flexible space

Chesilton Rd, Fulham, SW6 £1,950,000

This five-bedroom home has plenty of room for all the family with a double reception room at the front of the property and a family kitchen/breakfast room at the back, with French doors leading onto the garden.

Douglas & Gordon,
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Village life

51 Sutherland Place, W2 *\$4,500,000*

As one of the largest family houses in the popular Artesian Village area of Notting Hill, this four-bedroom, three-bathroom property has a large kitchen/dining room, magnificent drawing room with ornate balcony, indulgent master suite and garden accessed from the family room.

Bective Leslie Marsh, 020 7221 4805



Peaceful location

Margaretta Terrace, Chelsea, SW3 £3,750,000

Just moments from the King's Road, this four-bedroom home is situated in a quiet residential street, with Battersea Park just a short walk away over Albert Bridge. A formal reception room is complemented by an open-plan kitchen with conservatory-style dining area, while outside there is a small patio and roof terrace.





Notting Hill is, without a doubt, one of the capital's most sought-after locations, reflected by the number of estate agencies nestled between the chic boutiques and restaurants.

The latest to open a branch here is Savills, despite having an office close by in Kensington which previously serviced both areas. I asked the head of the new office, Oliver Lurot, why it was so important to have a dedicated Notting Hill branch.

"Notting Hill is very much a local market and so we felt being close to our clients was essential. Additionally, the Notting Hill market has gone from strength to strength over recent years and its appeal to both buyers and tenants is still growing.

"Many of the buyers and tenants who look at properties in Kensington will also look in Notting Hill, but as the market evolves, it is becoming more important to have a presence in each area. This is particularly important for prospective sellers and landlords who want to feel that we are

an integral part of their community."

Chesterton Humberts has also announced the opening next year of a new office on Ledbury Road in response to demand from local homeowners. Area director Tony Gambrill comments: "Even without a local presence, a substantial number of homeowners in Notting Hill contacted our Kensington branches to market their property as they realised the benefits of instructing an agency with a local and global reach."

Of course, the days when Notting Hill was an up and coming area have long passed, and the area has been well populated with agencies for some time. Caroline Foord of Knight Frank established their Westbourne Grove office in 2000.

"While we covered the area from our office in Kensington for many years prior to opening the office on Westbourne Grove, it was essential to have an office located in the heart of the area," she says. "We treasure the relationships and rapport we have established over many years now."

Notting Hill's rich mix of property means local residents range from young professionals to families, and comprise newcomers to the area as well as those who've lived here for decades, including those lucky souls who bought their property before the area became so sought after.

It's also becoming increasingly popular with international buyers, as Bob Crowley of Bective Leslie Marsh, explains: "Notting Hill is growing in reputation internationally as the place to be in London. This is resulting, for example, in more recent Russian and Middle Eastern investment."

Despite growing foreign investment, the area remains family-orientated, says Oliver Lurot: "The majority of properties are family homes which attract UK-based buyers with young families, drawn to the area because of its culture and sense of community.

"Additionally, Notting Hill has many communal gardens and squares which provide more outdoor space



than other parts of London. While we do have some foreign buyers, they are not as integral in the market as in other areas of prime central London."

Miles Meacock of Strutt & Parker points to the breadth of property on offer: "On the one hand Notting Hill is renowned for its garden squares which have lovely big family houses but there is just as much choice of smaller properties. The community feel is one of the biggest draws for potential purchasers."

As Notting Hill becomes ever more popular, tenants in particular are becoming more demanding, as Amanda Bastin of Douglas & Gordon notes: "We are seeing more and more rental property on the market and the standard is high. As tenants have more choice, they are becoming more selective. Landlords need to present



their properties in excellent condition and be realistic about rental figures. Demand will pick up in the New Year and landlords who have adapted will reap the rewards."

Speak to any of the local agents and it's clear that they are passionate about Notting Hill. "Having worked and lived in many different parts of London, I love Notting Hill because if offers something different from the rest of the capital and it's constantly changing," says Amanda.

"The quirkiness, individuality and bohemian feel is felt throughout everyday life, from local residents to international travellers. Every day you are guaranteed to see something different, whether it be a street entertainer, an amazing loft style property with roof terrace, beautiful garden squares or delicious food being offered as you pass by the local stores or restaurants. Recently I saw a piano on Portobello Road with a note stuck on it saying 'Please play me'! Notting Hill brings people together and appeals to all ages - there is something for everyone."

Caroline Foord points to Notting Hill's "diversity, vitality and energy. Not only is Notting Hill so well positioned for communications, with an abundance of shops, restaurants, cafés and bars, it has a truly unique character," she says. "One minute you can be walking among the hustle and bustle of Portobello and Westbourne Grove, and the next you can experience the tranquillity of the communal gardens. It is a magical place and I absolutely love working here. It has been a privilege to see the area develop, to meet so many wonderful people and sell some of London's finest property."

Notting Hill brings people together and appeals to all ages – there is something for everyone

WHY IS NOTTING HILL SO SOUGHT-AFTER?

Notting Hill has everything a fashionable area needs, including:

- High-end shops and restaurants, especially on Westbourne Grove, plus a choice of bars, clubs and cinema
- Perenially popular Portobello market with its echoes of a more bohemian past
- Proximity to Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens and Holland Park
- Attractive residential streets including a higher than average number of garden squares
- A good mix of property with everything from pieds-à-terre to large family homes, and both contemporary and period properties, including elegant Victorian terraces
- Attractive prices compared to some neighbouring areas
- Potential for capital appreciation as tired homes are updated and multipleoccupancy buildings revert to single homes

What are the best streets?

The most popular areas are between Notting Hill Gate and Westbourne Grove, such as Kensington Park Gardens, Pembridge Crescent/Place/Square, Dawson Place, Chepstow Crescent/Villas, Dawson Place, Ladbroke Square, Pembridge Place, Lansdowne Road/Crescent.

Houses backing onto communal gardens tend to command the highest prices.

On the market

- Under £500,000: One-bedroom flat on Westbourne Grove, with access to communal gardens, £450,000 (Hamptons)
- Under £2,000,000:
 Unmodernised three-bed maisonette on Ladbroke Gardens, £1,500,000
 (Knight Frank)
- Under £5,000,000: Fourbedroom lateral flat on Kensington Park Road, £3,250,000 (Strutt & Parker)

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▲ Dolphin House, Imperial Wharf SW6 £2,950,000

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Clareville Street, ► South Kensington SW7 £5,950,000

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Wow factor: Full of light, boasting a state of the art cinema room. Extras: five bedrooms, three reception rooms, four bathrooms. Strutt & Parker Chelsea 020 7225 3866



Neville Street, South Kensington SW7 £7,350,000

What: A superb white stucco fronted family house.

Wow factor: Offers magnificent accommodation arranged over six floors, served by a passenger lift.

Extras: Seven bedrooms, double drawing room, dining room, two kitchens, attractive garden.

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▲ Montpelier Square, SW7 £3,250pw

What: A newly refurbished three bedroom house. Wow factor: Finished to a high standard, located moments from the amenities of Knightsbridge and a short walk from Hyde Park.

Extras: Three bedrooms, three bathrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen.

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▼ Kensington Gate, Kensington W8 £5,500 pw

What: An exquisite house located on one of Kensington's most exclusive garden squares.

Wow factor: The property offers excellent living and entertaining space as well as a private patio and access to communal gardens.

Extras: Five bedrooms, drawing room, dining room, kitchen, two bathrooms.

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Hippodrome Mews Notting Hill W11

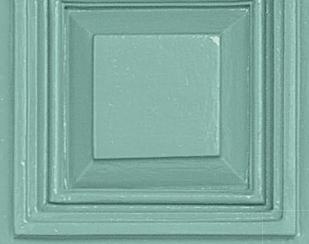
1,135 sq ft (105.4 sq m)

A stunning three bedroom house situated on this quiet residential mews in Notting Hill. This property also benefits from off-street parking.

Two reception rooms Kitchen Master bedroom with en suite bathroom Two further bedrooms Bathroom Roof terrace Off-street parking

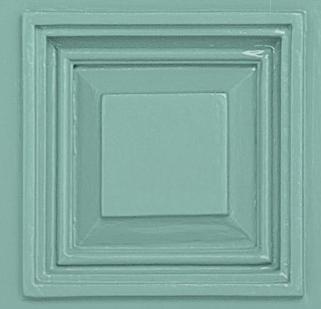
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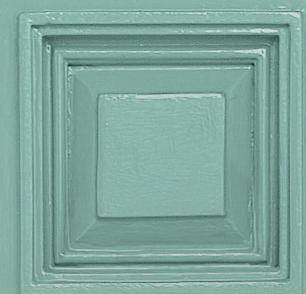
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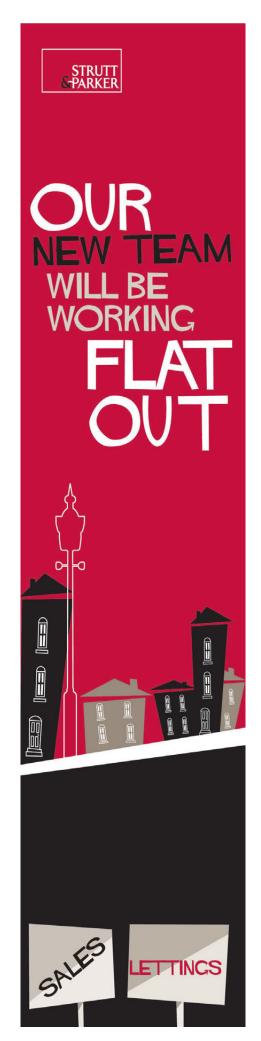
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Edith Road, Brook Green W14

£1,450,000

What: A magnificent garden flat occupying the entire ground floor of this imposing detached property. Wow factor: Refurbished to a high standard, benefiting from a private entrance and a spectacular private garden. Extras: Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, two reception rooms, bespoke kitchen.

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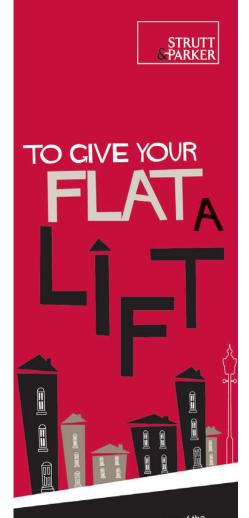


Craven Hill Mews Bayswater W2 £3,200,000

What: An exceptional house with bright southerly aspects on this quiet residential mews close to Hyde Park. Wow factor: Fabulous interconnecting rooms for entertaining, well balanced bedroom accommodation and a southerly aspect garden.

Extras: Five bedrooms, three reception rooms, located moments from the West End and Notting Hill. Fantastic national and international transport links at Lancaster Gate and Paddington.

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Market comment Mariam Rafiee Chasemore Property

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Russell Gardens Mews, Holland Park W14

£1,295,000

What: A well presented four bedroom house in this charming cobbled mews. Wow factor: Russell Gardens Mews' appearance on Grand Designs has elevated it from a local hidden gem to a much sought-after location. The property has superb entertaining space and benefits from a garage. Extras: Four bedrooms, four bathrooms, one reception room, close to the amenities of Holland Park, Westfield and Kensington. *Marsh & Parsons, 020 7605 6890*

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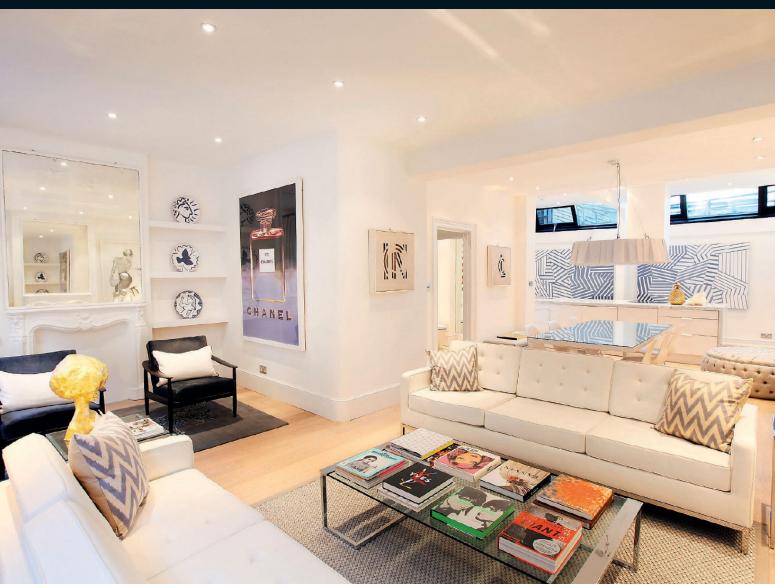
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TOWNHOUSE WITH INTEGRAL GARAGE AND SOUTH-FACING GARDEN RANELAGH GROVE, SW1

Drawing room ◆ kitchen/breakfast room

- ◆ 3 bedrooms ◆ bathroom ◆ shower room
- ◆ guest cloakroom ◆ terrace ◆ garden ◆ garage
- ◆ 169 sq m (1,824 sq ft)



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A FINE PERIOD HOUSE WITH WEST-FACING TERRACE AND PATIO GARDEN OAKLEY STREET, SW3

Drawing room ◆ sitting room ◆ dining room

- ◆ conservatory ◆ kitchen ◆ master bedroom suite
- ◆ 4 further bedrooms (1 en suite shower room)
- ◆ family bathroom ◆ guest cloakroom ◆ garden/ terrace ◆ 275 sq m (2,968 sq ft)



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SOUTH-FACING WITH HIGH CEILINGS OVERLOOKING COMMUNAL GARDENS CORNWALL GARDENS, SW7

Entrance hall ◆ drawing room ◆ dining room

- ◆ kitchen ◆ 3 bedroom suites ◆ shower room
- ◆ 2 terraces ◆ access to communal gardens
- ◆ 170 sq m (1,829 sq ft)



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ELEGANT WHITE STUCCO-FRONTED VICTORIAN FAMILY HOUSE WITH GARDEN ARGYLL ROAD, W8

Double reception room ◆ family room ◆ kitchen/ breakfast room ◆ conservatory ◆ master bedroom suite with 2 dressing rooms ◆ 5 further bedrooms

- ◆ bathroom ◆ shower room ◆ front and rear garden
- ◆ terrace ◆ 374 sq m (4,026 sq ft)



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Reception room ◆ open plan kitchen ◆ bedroom

- ◆ shower room ◆ laundry room
- ◆ 56 sq m (609 sq ft)



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Holland Park Mews, Holland Park, W11

£2.95 million

What: A beautiful two bedroom mews house in the heart of Holland Park.

Wow Factor: Refurbished to a very high standard, boasting a spacious roof terrace.

Extras: Split level reception room with open plan kitchen, entrance hall with study area, master bedroom with en suite shower room, second bedroom with en suite bathroom, wine cellar, garage, south-facing roof terrace.

Savills Notting Hill, 0207 727 5750

Capital appreciation

Savills presents four exquisite properties in prime central locations



Barton Street, Westminster, SW1 £11 million

What: Historic double fronted Grade II listed mansion.

Wow Factor: Designed by Edwardian architect Horace Field in 1909.

Extras: Drawing room, dining room, library, two sitting rooms, kitchen/ breakfast room, eight bedrooms, nine bathrooms/shower rooms, pool, lift. Savills Sloane Street, 020 7730 0822

Monmouth Street, Covent Garden, WC2H £3,900,000

What: A three bedroom apartment within a Georgian building. Wow Factor: Refurbished to an excellent

standard whilst retaining period features. Extras: Two reception rooms, kitchen/ dining room, master bedroom with steam room, two further bedrooms, roof terrace.

Savills Mayfair, 020 7578 5100



South Eaton Place, Belgravia, SW1 £18 million

What: A beautifully refurbished freehold Grade II listed townhouse. Wow Factor: The specification includes fully automated audio visual, CCTV controls and cinema room. Extras: Four reception rooms, six bedrooms, six bath/shower rooms,

garage, terrace, staff accommodation.

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Jane Ingram, Savills Lettings



The Olympics contributed to a slowing of London's prime rentals market. Small falls were seen in prime central and north London rents, according

to latest analysis from real estate company, Savills. Prime central London rents fell by -0.4 per cent in the third quarter, while in prime north London locations, rents fell by -1.5 per cent in the quarter. By contrast, prime south west London saw rents rise in the quarter and year on year, up 0.4 per cent and 1.8 per cent respectively. There is evidence of corporate demand shifting into these locations from prime central London. Jane Ingram, head of Savills Lettings, comments: 'Tenants are becoming more and more aware of the cost of space. Simultaneously, we are seeing that investors are placing greater importance on achievable rents on a price per square foot basis. However, the growth in prices in prime south west London is positive and will hopefully spread throughout the rest of London.'





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Bountiful Belgravia

Knight Frank summarises this portion of the prime central property market



Chester Street, Belgravia, SW1 £4,500 pw

What: 6 bedroom Georgian town house to rent in Belgravia. **Wow factor:** An elegant period house benefitting from two balconies and a charming roof terrace.

Extras: Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, five further bedrooms three en suite, two further bath/shower rooms, drawing room, dining room, study/family room, kitchen with breakfast area, utility room, guest cloakroom, terrace, two balconies, private parking. Available furnished or unfurnished. *Knight Frank Lettings, 020 7881 7730*

closely together to deliver the best results for their clients. Recently the Belgravia sales team sold a newly refurbished Belgravia townhouse on Ebury Street to an international buyer. A change in circumstances meant that the buyer decided to let out his new acquisition on a long term rental basis. At the same time our Knight Frank Residential Development team were working with a buyer who was purchasing an off plan property in Belgravia. For the two years between securing the off plan property and the property's completion the buyer required a long term rental. The buyer was introduced to the Belgravia lettings team who subsequently agreed a two year rental on the Ebury Street house. A great example of successful teamwork.

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Market Comment Stuart Bailey, Knight Frank Sales



The Belgravia market has remained strong so far this year. Prices have performed well, but only for the best properties. Demand continues but there is no sign of reckless spending and buyers are looking to make sensible decisions to protect their equity. We have benefited

from some phenomenal growth, though I think we are now going to enjoy a relatively calm period. Some record prices will still be achieved but do not expect runaway price rises.

Tom Smith, Knight Frank Lettings

With tenants showing restraint on affordability it is important that properties are well presented to maximise rental returns. In Belgravia more tenants are looking for 'turnkey' properties. It is also important to be competitive in terms of asking rents. Landlords



should ask their agents for comparable evidence of properties that have recently let, not those currently on the market. All of this can help to reduce the length of void periods between tenancies.





Fawcett Street, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £900,000



Grenville Place, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £1,000,000



Stanhope Gardens, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £1,495,000



Bolton Gardens Mews, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £3,450,000



Morton Mews, Earl's Court SW5 Guide price: £3,500,000



Queen's Gate Gardens, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £3,850,000



Elm Park Gardens, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £860,000



Stanhope Gardens, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £1,375,000



Redcliffe Road, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £1,695,000



Guide price: £3,295,000



Guide price: £3,350,000



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PRIVATE VIEW



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Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £1,800,000



Cranley Gardens, South Kensington SW7
Guide price: £2,450,000



Limerston Street, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £2,650,000



Clareville Street, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £5,950,000



Elm Park Road, Chelsea SW3 Guide price: £6,250,000



Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £8,750,000



Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10 Guide price: £2,650,000



Earl's Court Square, Earl's Court SW5



Old Church Street, Chelsea SW3 Guide price: £3,100,000



Justice Walk, Chelsea SW3 Guide price: £4,950,000



Neville Terrace, South Kensington SW7 Guide price: £5,395,000



Guide price: £11,250,000



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Chester Row, Belgravia SW1

Exceptional Belgravia townhouse

An extremely well-proportioned townhouse located in one of Belgravia's most sought after addresses. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 4 further bedrooms, 2 further bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility room, guest cloakroom, garden, balcony. Approximately 265 sq m (2,849 sq ft) including vaults

Freehold

Guide price: £5,750,000

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Clareville Street, South Kensington SW7

Sensational refurbishment that offers exceptional family living

A stunning family home combining the perfect balance of contemporary living and luxurious comfort. Master bedroom with dressing area and bathroom en suite, 4 further double bedrooms (2 en suite), bathroom, reception room/study, family room, cinema room, kitchen/dining room, laundry room, kitchenette, guest cloakroom, patio, front garden. Approximately 282 sq m (3,038 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £5,950,000

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Pont Street, Knightsbridge SW1

Exquisite three bedroom duplex apartment

A beautiful, fully refurbished turn key apartment situated in the heart of Knightsbridge. Master bedroom suite with dressing area, second bedroom suite, bedroom 3, shower room, Bulthaup kitchen, double reception room, laundry, terrace, air conditioning to main rooms, Sonos sound system. Approximately 196 sq m (2,111 sq ft)

Share of Freehold, New 999 year Lease

Guide price: £4,350,000



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Wellington Square, Chelsea SW3

Garden square house

An impressive 'Key' house located in the middle of a highly sought after white stucco garden square in Chelsea. Master bedroom suite, 4 further bedrooms, 2 further bath/ shower rooms, kitchen, dining room, double reception room, study, utility, cloakroom, garden. Approximately 244 sq m (2,633 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £6,150,000

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Peel Street, Kensington W8

Period three bedroom house

A charming well presented three bedroom family house located in this attractive street, off Kensington Church Street. The house offers flexible living and entertaining space with a large kitchen/dining room. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, utility room. Approximately 145 sq m (1,565 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £2,400,000

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The Bromptons, South Kensington SW3

Elegant garden apartment with parking

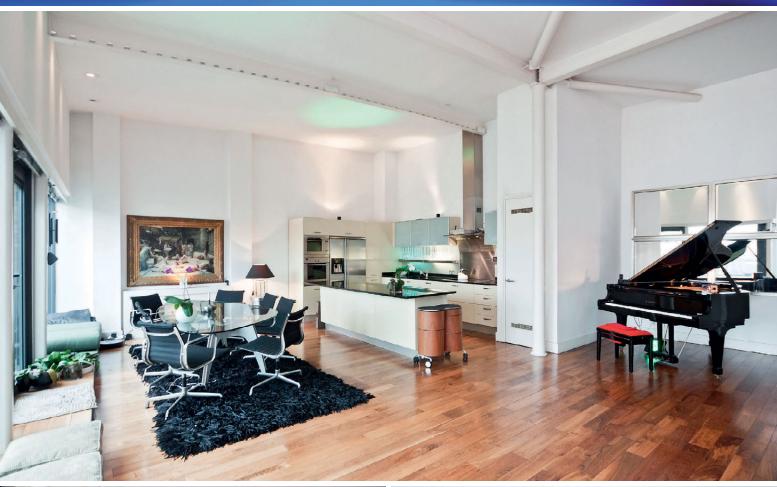
An immaculate three bedroom garden flat situated in this highly regarded apartment building. Master bedroom suite, 2 further double bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen breakfast room, reception room, cloakroom, 24 hour concierge, parking space, residents swimming pool and gym, communal gardens. Approximately 164 sq m (1,773 sq ft)

Share of freehold

Guide price: £3,950,000

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New Globe Walk, Southwark SE1

Spacious apartment with stunning views

An impressive apartment with a double height reception room and stunning views of the iconic sites of London. 3 bedrooms (2 opening onto a terrace), 3 bathrooms (2 en suite), open plan reception room/kitchen with terrace. Approximately 213 sq m (2,293 sq ft)

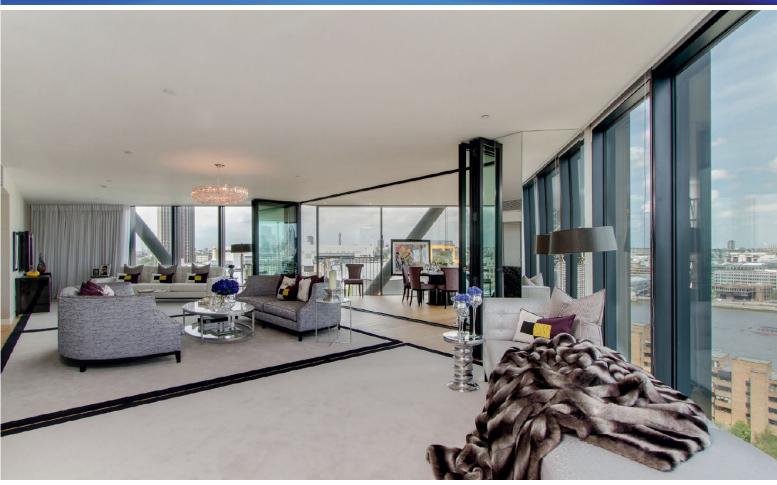
Leasehold

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NEO Bankside, Southbank SE1

Immaculate three bedroom apartment

A stunning three bedroom sub penthouse apartment with views of St Paul's Cathedral and the London skyline. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (all en suite), open plan reception room/dining area, kitchen, guest cloakroom, winter garden, 1 secure parking space, 24 hour security and concierge. Approximately 255 sq m (2,744 sq ft)

Leasehold

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Irene Road, Fulham SW6

An immaculate family home

An immaculate, interior designed family home in the heart of Parsons Green which has been extensively renovated. 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen, utility room, guest WC, garden, roof terrace. Approximately 216.5 sq m (2,330 sq ft)

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Freehold

Guide price: £2,150,000

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Pont Street, Knightsbridge SW1

Elegant two bedroom flat

A spacious first floor lateral apartment located in the heart of Knightsbridge. Master bedroom suite with dressing area, second bedroom suite, entrance hall, kitchen, reception room, cloakroom, balcony, lift, resident caretaker. Approximately 126 sq m (1,365 sq ft)

Leasehold: approximately 64 years unexpired

Guide price: £3,650,000

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South Terrace, Knightsbridge SW7

Knightsbridge house

A charming family house situated in this highly desirable Knightsbridge street with the benefit of a private rear garden. Master bedroom suite, 3 further bedrooms, 2 further bath/shower rooms, kitchen, dining room, 3 further reception rooms, laundry, first floor balcony, rear garden. Approximately 264 sq m (2,842 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £4,500,000

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Cadogan Gardens, Knightsbridge SW3

Elegant two bedroom flat

An attractive first floor mezzanine apartment providing generous entertaining space throughout. Master bedroom suite, guest bedroom, shower room, kitchen, dining room, reception room, cloakroom, private balcony, lift. Approximately 113 sq m (1,226 sq ft)

Leasehold: approximately 124 years unexpired

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This popularity means that despite the high number of buyers there is an ongoing shortage of properties, as would-be vendors adopt a 'wait and see' attitude until there are clear signs of economic recovery. In many instances, homeowners are adapting their existing properties rather than selling, with the aim of adding value in the medium term, but this does cause a reduced flow of property coming onto the market.

Those who have recently offered their properties for sale have benefitted from this shortage of stock, with prices effectively pushed up due to high demand.

My resolute advice to vendors is to be realistic about pricing. With Kensington & Chelsea remaining the most expensive borough for housing, buyers will be exacting when it comes to presentation, price and location. Nick Carter, Chesterton Humberts 020 7937 7244



Pimlico...

The Pimlico market has been flourishing over the last two weeks and we are currently enjoying one of the busiest Novembers that I can remember. This is down to some good property coming to the market at realistic asking prices. We recently had 21 offers on one flat and again we are seeing buyers competing hard to secure a property on a regular basis.

One area that requires particular attention is the time it is now taking to get sales through to exchange of contracts. The need for an experienced and knowledgeable solicitor has never been greater to make the transaction as smooth as possible. You get what you pay for and an experienced London-based solicitor that knows your area is worth every penny.

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Chelsea...

The market is alive and well though there seems to be a disparity between the interest shown for properties. Some are attracting huge interest, more often than not leading to competitive bidding; others you have to really struggle to get buyers to look at. The information at buyers' disposal in terms of marketing material means that buyers are far more educated on what is available and what to expect when visiting properties. I would recommend however that it is worth actually coming to see a selection of properties rather than focusing on a handful; houses and flats can feel very different from what their photos and floor plans illustrate.

We expect a busy month with the seasonal slowdown starting around the second week of December, lasting to the third week of January 2013. We could be wrong though, you can never totally discount the possibility of a festive frenzy! Ben Osbourne, Farrar & Co 020 7244 4444

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Harrington Gardens, South Kensington, SW7

£1,000 per week Unfurnished

A stunning three bedroom, first floor lateral (approximately 1,165 sq/ft, with lift) extending over two south facing period buildings. Light and spacious throughout with high ceilings, wood floors, communal gardens, and a private balcony.



Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, SW7

£1,250 per week Unfurnished

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Chapel Street, SW1

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Freehold £7,950,000



Cadogan Gardens, Chelsea SW3

- 2 Bedrooms
- 1 Bathroom
- Separate WC
- 1 Reception room
- Dining room
- Lift
- Porter
- Approx. 1,489 sq ft (138.3 sq m)

£3,250,000 Share of freehold

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PARK WALK, CHELSEA, SW10

A charming Grade II listed Regency Freehold family house with many original features as well as the added benefit of the rear additions over the ground, first and second floors.

(Approx. 1,798 sq ft / 167.03 sq m)

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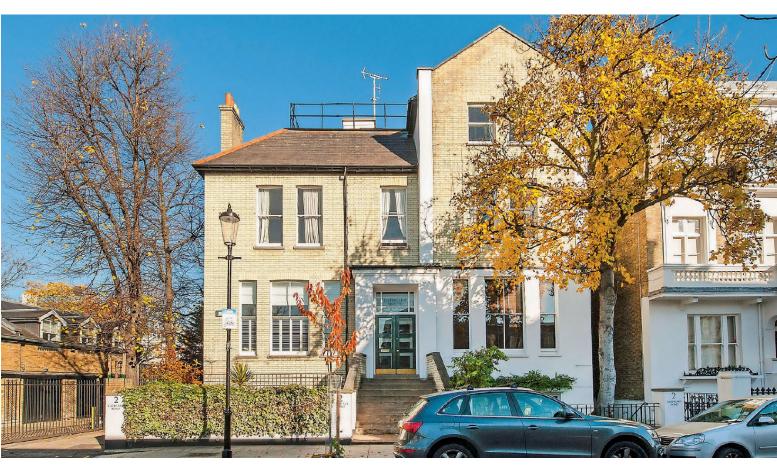
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CATHCART ROAD, CHELSEA, SW10

Encompassing the entire first floor of this primely positioned building, currently arranged as two interconnecting flats, extending to 1,708 square feet, with natural re-connectivity (subject to consent). Off street parking on a first come, first served basis.

(Approx. 1,708 sq ft / 158.67 sq m)

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BRAMHAM GARDENS, SW5

A wonderful opportunity to acquire a top floor flat (with lift), overlooking this popular garden square. 1,855 sq ft / 172 sq $\,$ m

GUIDE PRICE £2,950,000 Share of Freehold



REDCLIFFE ROAD, SW10

With entrance at raised ground floor level, this is a beautifully presented 2 bedroom maisonette with a west facing roof terrace. 1,117 sq ft / 104 sq m

£1,675,000

Leasehold



GUNTER GROVE, SW10

A beautifully proportioned upper maisonette, situated over the entire 1st and 2nd floors of this well run building. 1,134 sq ft / 105 sq m $\,$

£925,000

Share of Freehold



KING'S ROAD, SW10

An immaculate 2 bedroom first floor flat, which enjoys exceptional light and balconies to two sides.

£799,950

Share of Freehold



DRAYTON GARDENS, SW10

This 1/2 bedroom flat is situated on the lower ground floor of a Victorian Mansion block, located on a popular Chelsea Street. 721 sq ft / 66.98 sq m

£650,000

Share of Freehold



COURTFIELD GARDENS, SW5

This well arranged 1 bedroom flat has a good sized roof terrace, and of further note the kitchen has space to dine. 476 sq ft / 44.22 sq m

£595,000

Leasehold

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FULHAM ROAD, SW10

An immaculate 2 double bedroom newly refurbished flat in this prestigious terrace, known as 'Chelsea Walk.' 536 sq ft / 49.79 sq m

£695,000

Leasehold



ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

An immaculately presented 4 bedroom maisonette, ideal for entertaining and with extremely flexible accommodation. 1,830 sq ft / 170 sq m

£2,950,000

Leasehold



SLAIDBURN STREET, SW10

A well presented 4 bedroom freehold house, with a stunning roof terrace over the entire footprint.

1,442 sq ft / 134 sq m

£1,445,000

Freehold



BRECHIN PLACE, SW7

This stunning 2 bedroom flat on this popular part of Old Brompton Road, has been subject of extensive refurbishment. **861 sq ft / 80 sq m**

£1,100,000

Leasehold



BEAUFORT GARDENS, SW3

A very appealing 2 bedroom lower ground floor flat in the heart of Knightsbridge, with the benefit of its' own street entrance. $926\,sq\,ft\,/\,86.03\,sq\,m$

£925,000

Leasehold



EDITH GROVE, SW10

This 3 bedroom fourth floor flat (with lift), has been well maintained by our client and has stunning views. 1,033 sq ft / $96\,sq\,m$

£985,000

Share of Freehold

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CALLOW STREET, SW3

A quirky flat in this purpose built building which has been fully redecorated. With a wrap around decked terrace the flat boasts 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a brand new open plan kitchen with oak wood flooring. The property also enjoys a raised conservatory style dining area with far reaching views and is flooded with natural light. Available immediately.

£750 per week

Furnished/ Unfurnished



HARRINGTON GARDENS, SW7

A fantastic 2 double bedroom lateral apartment situated in this handsome period building. The property benefits from lots of natural light and all rooms overlook the beautiful communal gardens. Having undergone a complete refurbishment approx. 2 years ago, the fixtures and fittings are contemporary in design and have been well maintained. Available for long or short lets.

£995/£1650 per week Furnished/

Unfurnished



HASKER STREET, SW3

An immaculate 2 bedroom house with wood floors throughout. The house has a large open plan kitchen/dining/family room on the lower ground floor level which leads out to the decked garden. The property has an elegant ground floor reception room, an additional terrace and both ensuite bedrooms on the 2 upper floors have excellent built-in storage. Available immediately.

£1,495 per week

Furnished/ Unfurnished



REDCLIFFE ROAD, SW10

A 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom period house situated in this pretty tree lined street. The property is traditional in style and boasts a kitchen/dining room on the ground floor, a lovely first floor reception with an open fireplace and french doors leading out to the balcony. The property has solid wood flooring throughout and has a pretty garden to the rear. Available immediately.

£2,000 per week Furnished/ Unfurnished

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REDCLIFFE ROAD, SW10

A very smart and immaculately presented 1 bedroom flat on the first floor of a period conversion, quietly situated in this leafy street just off the Fulham Road. The property has bundles of natural light and boasts good storage, beautiful high ceilings, wood floors throughout and the stunning reception has two sets of french doors leading out to a juliette balcony.

£525 per week Furnished



STANLEY MANSIONS, SW10

Having been completely refurbished throughout in a contemporary style, is this spacious lateral ground floor flat in a popular mansion building quietly situated just off the Fulham Road. The property now offers versatile accommodation along with a fantastic kitchen/dining room with doors that lead to the communal courtyard and boasts lots of natural light.

£1,195 per week Unfurnished



COLEHERNE ROAD, SW10

A superb 3 double bedroom, 2 bathroom duplex apartment situated on the 2nd and 3rd floors of this recently refurbished period building. The voluminous open plan kitchen and reception has a fantastic high ceiling with exposed beams. The apartment has beautiful wood floors and lots of natural light throughout.

£950 per week Unfurnished



GLEDHOW GARDENS, SW5

A stunning 2 bedroom, refurbished lateral flat on the 2nd floor of this well maintained period building. The property has a fantastic large reception room with a dining area, high ceilings and a private terrace with views over the beautiful communal gardens. The property is modern and contemporary whilst offering spacious accommodation.

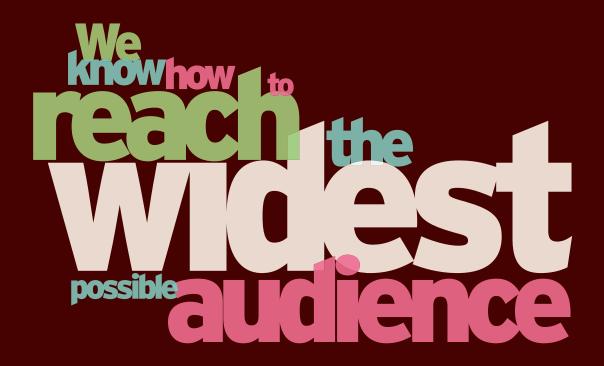
£1650 per week Furnished/ Unfurnished

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Evelyn Gardens SW7 £2,495,000

The stunning duplex apartment comprises a large open plan kitchen/reception room with views over the communal gardens, two double bedrooms, a family bathroom, a large master suite with excellent built-in storage and a private roof terrace accessed from the half landing. Evelyn Gardens is a picturesque road perfectly located between South Kensington and Chelsea. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

CHELSEA: 020 7591 5570 sales.chs@marshandparsons.co.uk







Drayson Mews W8 £2,250,000

Arranged over three floors this mews house includes a bright, open plan reception room with wonderful views over tranquil gardens and the iconic St Mary Abbots Church. The accommodation further includes a separate utility room, a double bedroom with en suite bathroom, a stunning master bedroom with en suite and a private garage. Freehold. **Joint Sole Agent.**

BELGRAVIA











Caroline Terrace London SW1W

This superb part stucco fronted townhouse occupies an excellent position in one of Belgravia's most appealing addresses. The house which is mainly laid out over four floors is beautifully presented and sensibly arranged

double reception room | family room | main bedroom (en suite) with dressing area | 3 further bedrooms | 1 further bathroom | kitchen/breakfast room | guest cloakroom | south-facing roof terrace

Guide price £3,850,000 freehold

JSA: Ayrton Wylie 020 7730 4628



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Onslow Square London SW7

A beautifully refurbished south-facing lateral apartment overlooking the communal gardens. There is a resident caretaker and a lift in the building and the apartment further benefits from a basement storeroom. South Kensington underground station is only a short walk away with an excellent selection of shops and restaurants

double reception room | 2 double bedrooms | dressing room | bathroom | shower room | kitchen | communal gardens

Guide price £2,995,000 leasehold

BELGRAVIA









Burton Mews London SW1W

This well presented terraced house is situated on a quiet Belgravia Mews with a lovely light reception room and kitchen. The property benefits from parquet flooring, plenty of storage, parking and is conveniently located in this cobbled mews within easy reach of the shopping, transport and entertainment facilities of Sloane Square, Elizabeth Street and Victoria

reception room | 1 double bedroom | 1 single bedroom/study | bathroom | kitchen | parking

£700 per week furnished







Monck Street London SW1P

This bright two double bedroom flat in the heart of Westminster benefits from wood flooring throughout, fitted wardrobes to the main bedroom and a private balcony. The flat is conveniently located within easy access to the underground links of both St James' Park and Westminster, as well as, the flagship House of Fraser department store and the Cardinal Place Shopping Centre reception room 2 double bedrooms | bathroom | kitchen | balcony

£500 per week unfurnished

CHELSEA









Egerton Gardens London SW3

A modern raised ground floor two double bedroom apartment. With it's own private entrance, this spacious (1,104 sq ft) property boasts high ceilings, a contemporary finish and direct access to a private decked garden with summer house. The apartment is perfectly situated to enjoy the world famous shops and restaurants that Knightsbridge has to offer

reception room | 2 double bedrooms | 2 bathrooms | kitchen | summer house | private garden

£1,395 per week furnished/unfurnished







Onslow Gardens London SW7

A very desirable two bedroom flat in this prestigious, sought-after garden address. This beautiful stucco fronted period conversion, with lift, is tastefully furnished in a traditional style and offers great accommodation with a super reception room with doors leading to the balcony. Onslow Gardens is located close to the restaurants, shops and transport facilities of South Kensington reception room 2 double bedrooms (1 en suite) shower room kitchen lift 2 balconies

£995 per week furnished/unfurnished

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Oakley Street, SW7

A beautiful two bedroom maisonette with a private entrance and off street parking space just off Margaretta Terrace

£2,495,000 Leasehold





- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Private garden
- Ground and lower ground floorsSeparate kitchenSloane Square underground

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Coulson Street, SW3

A bright, spacious three bedroom family home over three floors just north of Kings Road

£2,800,000 Freehold







- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Three receptionsFreehold house
- Garden
- Sloane Square underground

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Roland Gardens, SW7 A well-presented first floor balcony apartment located on Roland Gardens

£725,000 Leasehold







- One bedroom
- First floor
- Private balcony
- -Wood floors

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Portered mansion buildingGloucester Road underground

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Park Lane, W1

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a property within a purpose built block next to Hyde Park

£1,750,000 Leasehold







- One bedroom
- One reception
- Security and concierge
- 🛔 Lift
- Desirable location
- Hyde Park Corner undergeround

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Old Brompton Road, SW5

A smart stylish loft style apartment in the heart of South Kensington



£999,950 Leasehold

- Two double bedrooms
- En suite master bedroom
- Separate kitchen
- Loft style reception room
- Period conversion
- Earls Court underground

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Coleherne Road, SW10

A well-presented one bedroom apartment in a Victorian house off Old Brompton Road



£599,950 Leasehold

- -One bedroom
- One receptionTop floor
- Separate kitchen
- Good condition
- Earls Court underground

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Sailmakers Court, SW6

A penthouse apartment refurbished to an extremely high standard in Imperial Wharf £1,995,000 Leasehold







- Four bedrooms
- Four bathrooms
- Two reception rooms
- River views
- Stunning condition
 Imperial Wharf overground

Fulham sales 020 7731 5115

Cloncurry Street, SW6

A five bedroom semi-detached family home within close proximity to Bishops Park



-Victorian house

- Putney Bridge underground

Edith Road, W14

A recently refurbished two double bedroom flat with a roof terrace in West Kensington



£2,400,000 Freehold

- Five bedrooms
- Four bathrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fulham sales 020 7731 5115

- £385,000 Leasehold
- Two double bedrooms
- Living area with wood floorsOpen plan kitchen

Fulham sales 020 7731 5115

- Private entrance
- Raised ground floor
- Barons Court underground

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Elvaston Place, SW7

A contemporary two double bedroom flat on the second floor of a Victorian conversion close to Hyde Park

£750 p/w Furnished





- Two bedrooms
- Living room with wood floorsModern kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Second floor of conversionGloucester Road underground

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Ovington Square, SW3

A recently refurbished two bedroom flat in a Victorian conversion in Knightsbridge

£895 p/w Furnished







- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms

- Split over two floors Private roof terrace Large living room with dining space
- Knightsbridge underground

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Philbeach Gardens, SW5 A beautifully refurbished two bedroom flat with a Furnished private terrace in Earls Court

£625 p/w







- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan reception
- Recently refurbished
- Private patioEarls Court underground

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Collingham Gardens, SW5

A one bedroom duplex with a private terrace on a garden square close to Gloucester Road

£550 p/w Furnished







- One bedroom
- Living room with wood floors
- Open plan kitchen
 Two bathrooms with limestone tiling
 Arranged over two floors
 Earls Court underground

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Queens Gate Terrace, SW7

A contemporary three bedroom masionette with a balcony close to Kensington Gardens



£1,495 p/W Furnished/Unfurnished

- Three bedroomsLiving room with wood floorsThree bathrooms
- Arranged over two floors
- Two terraces Gloucester Road underground

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Thurloe Street, SW7

A contemporary two double bedroom flat with a large garden in South Kensington



£795 p/W Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- -Two bathrooms - Private garden
- Semi open plan kitchen
- Living room with conservatory area
 South Kensington underground

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Queensmill Road, SW6

Refurbished four double bedroom house with a private garden on the Alphabet Streets

£750 p/w Unfurnished







- Four double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Separate kitchen with dining areaSplit over three floors
- Private garden
- Hammersmith underground

Fulham lettings 020 7384 1400

Fabian Road, SW6

Refurbished four double bedroom house with a private garden in Fulham Broadway



Churchfield Mansions, SW6

Modern refurbished two bedroom flat in a well known mansion block in Parsons Green



£925 p/W Unfurnished

- Four double bedrooms
- Double reception roomSeparate kitchen

Fullham lettings 020 7384 1400

- Split over three floors
- Private gardenFulham Broadway underground

£550 p/W Furnished

- -Two double bedrooms
- Modern bathroom
- Spacious living room
- Fullham lettings 020 7384 1400
- Separate kitchen with a dining area
- Well maintained mansion block
 Parsons Green underground









PRINCES GATE, SW7

A sensational lateral space in excess of 4500sqft in the heart of South Kensington. This 4/5 bedroom apartment, spread entirely across the fourth floor, offers fantastic light and views as well as providing secure parking, 24 hour porterage and security.



Accommodation: Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, media room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom suite, bedroom 2 with ensuite bathroom, 2 further bedrooms, shower room, guest cloak room, lift access, 1 underground parking space, 24hr porterage, 4528 sq ft.



Guide price: £9,500,000

Tenure

Approximately 950 years

Joint sole agents



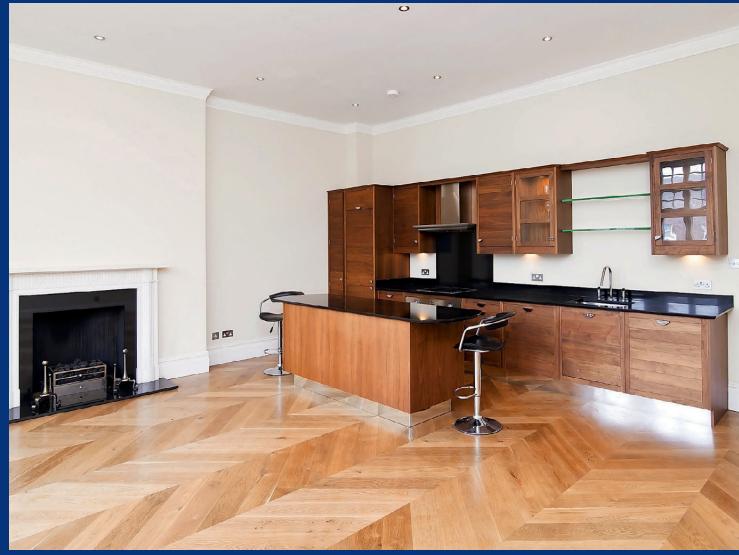
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Egerton Gardens, SW3

£2,700,000

A fantastic two double bedroom, two bathroom share of freehold lateral flat in Knightsbridge with large windows, high ceilings and direct views of The Oratory.

- Share of freehold
- Two bedrooms

- Designer kitchen
- Stylish bathrooms

- Large reception room
- Close to underground

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Wetherby Mansions, SW5

£835,000

A beautiful, generously proportioned two double bedroom share of freehold flat in a very desirable period mansion block with well maintained, pretty communal gardens.

- Share of freehold
- Two bedrooms

- Bathroom
- Separate kitchen

- Private patio
- Communal gardens





Cadogan Gardens, SW3 £3,250 per week

An exceptional fourth floor apartment with high ceilings and leafy views within an impressive period building with a porter and lift, located just behind Sloane Square.

- Four bedrooms
- Eat in kitchen
- Double reception room
- Wood floors
- Porter
- Sloane Square underground



Bolton Gardens, SW5 £1,250 per week

A beautiful raised ground floor flat with high ceilings and direct access to communal gardens minutes from South Kensington.

- Two double bedrooms
- Wonderful views
- Ensuite bathroom
- Communal gardens
- Double reception room
- Gloucester Road underground





Gloucester Road South Kensington SW7

£3,500,000

What: A beautifully refurbished Victorian terraced house. Wow factor: This generously proportioned grade II listed home has been completely transformed and boasts a large west-facing garden. Extras: Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two receptions rooms. Marsh & Parsons, 020 7368 4450

Westbourne Park Villas Bayswater W2

Price on application

What: Stunning semi-detached five

bedroom villa.

Wow factor: Fabulous 64ft south-facing

garden and off-street parking.

Extras: Drawing room, dining room, kitchen,

family room, two bathrooms. Strutt & Parker, 020 7221 1111

Prime buys

Outstanding properties in unbeatable locations



Canning Place Mews, W8

£2.5million

What: 1,500 sq ft of house, set in a delightful cobbled private street.

Wow factor: Situated in the heart of the Royal Borough

and within an easy walk to Kensington Palace.

Extras: Benefits from its own unique separate garage.

Rickman Properties 020 7937 9777

Harrington Road, SW7

£995pw

What: A meticulously refurbished and spacious second floor flat.

Wow factor: Located in a superbly located purpose built block in the very heart of South Kensington.

Extras: Two bedrooms, two bathrooms, large reception room with separate dining area, modern kitchen, lift.

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SOUTH EATON PLACE, SWI

A beautifully refurbished one bedroom flat on the second floor of a magnificent stucco fronted building adjoining and with oblique views of Eaton Square. The magnificent interiors have been finished to the highest of standards and incorporate the latest in audio visual technology.

- * Reception Room
- * Kitchen
- * Bathroom
- * West Facing Terrace

Leasehold 118 Years

£1,850,000



CHESTER ROW, SWI

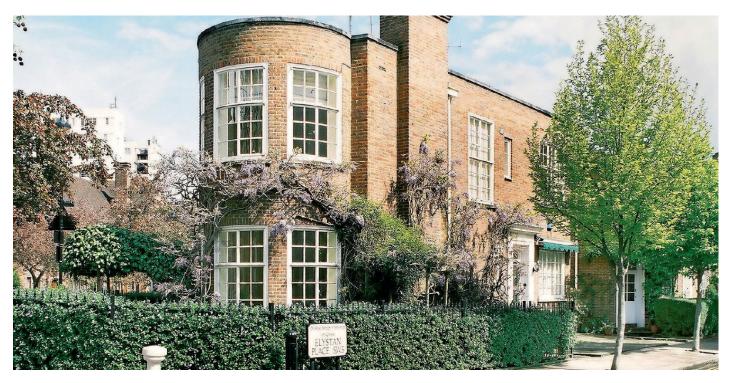
A charming period house situated on the comer with Bourne Street close to the amenities of Sloane Square and Elizabeth Street. The property is arranged over four floors with excellent entertaining space opening onto the garden or a balcony. There is also a fabulous roof terrace with magnificent roof top views.

Freehold £3,100,000

- * Reception Room
- * Kitchen/Dining Room
- *Three Double Bedrooms
- * Two Bathrooms (I en suite)
- * Garden
- * Roof Terrace

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SPRIMONT PLACE, SW3

Newly re-designed, low built house comprising 2737 sq ft, ideally situated by Chelsea Green. Unfurnished. 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Family Room, Utility Room, Patio, High Tech Features.

£2500 PER WEEK



CORNWALL GARDENS, SW7

Excellent 1st floor flat with galleries, overlooking the gardens. Unfurnished.

Bedroom, Bathroom, Reception Room with Open Plan Kitchen, Balcony, Communal Gardens, Lift.



KNIGHTSBRIDGE, SW1

Ideal 6th floor flat, with wood floors throughout and 24 hour porterage. Furnished.

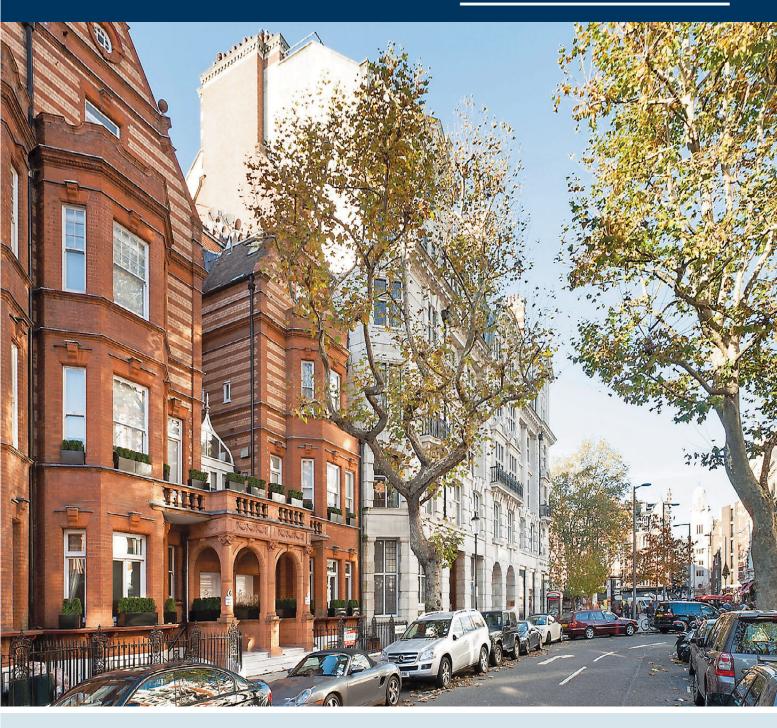
2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Reception Room, Kitchen, lift, 24 Hour Porter, Inclusive of Heating and Hot Water.

£775 PER WEEK

£1000 PER WEEK



GEORGE TROLLOPE



Sloane Gardens, SW1 £1,450,000 Leasehold

approximately 33 years remaining

This is a cracking little flat located a stones throw from Sloane Square tube station and a short walk from the shops bars and restaurants of the Kings Road and Knightsbridge. Accommodation which covers approximately 902 square feet (83.8 square metres) is in good condition but would benefit from updating. The flat is located on the second floor of a red brick building and benefits from a lift and a porter.

- ≥ Reception room
- ¥Kitchen
- **≥** Entrance hall
- Master Bedroom with en-suite bathroom
- ■Second bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Lift لا
- Porter





£11m

With a share of the freehold, this three bedroom 5,000 sq ft lateral apartment, in a Grade II listed boutique development, comes with two terraces, a swimming pool, jacuzzi and steam room. Refurbished to the highest standard, the ground floor apartment combines period and modern features including comfort cooling and fully integrated Crestron Smart Home System.

Overlooking one of Chelsea's most elegant garden squares, there are plenty of shops, boutiques and restaurants nearby with both Fulham Road and King's Road within a short walk. Nearby transport links include tube stations Gloucester Road and South Kensington.

Cluttons, 020 7584 1771

Mass appeal

Cluttons uncovers a new cross-generational market in Chelsea and Belgravia



Caroline Terrace, SW1W £3.85m

This elegant period townhouse is situated on one of Belgravia's most sought after roads. Laid over four storeys, the house has two reception rooms, four bedrooms, a study and an open plan kitchen. There is also a pretty garden at rear.

Caroline Terrace is a quiet residential street minutes from Sloane Street. Nearby is a wide selection of shops, restaurants and transport facilities, providing easy access to the West End, the City and Canary Wharf.

Cluttons, 020 730 0303

Charlie Noel-Buxton, Cluttons Chelsea; **Toby Whittome,** Cluttons Belgravia

There is limited stock in the market but realistically priced properties on the best roads are selling fast, often within a month.

Refurbished terraced properties in Belgravia are as popular as ever, with buyers willing to pay up to £2,500 per square foot to have the security of their own front door, a rear garden space and an immaculate interior. Competition for homes on Chelsea's popular garden squares such as Onslow Square and Cranley Gardens is also strong. The prestige of such a setting and the elegance of the beautiful stucco fronted houses usually prompts multiple viewings within the first 48 hours of a property hitting the market.

Young professionals seeking fast, hassle free moves are being drawn to Chelsea's fully furnished one bedroom rental properties, available for up to £600 per week, while wealthy students continue to make up half of all applicants in Belgravia. We are also seeing a new market emerging where parents who work part time in London but live in the commuter heartlands are flat sharing with their children who live and work in the city, in order to reduce costs.

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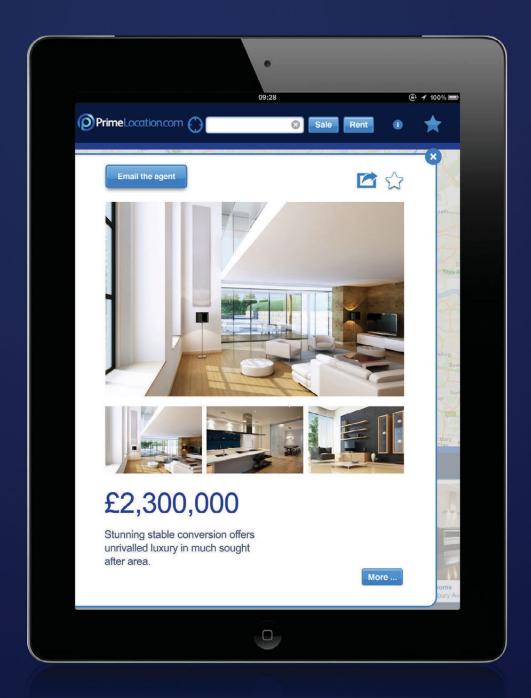
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£3,250pw

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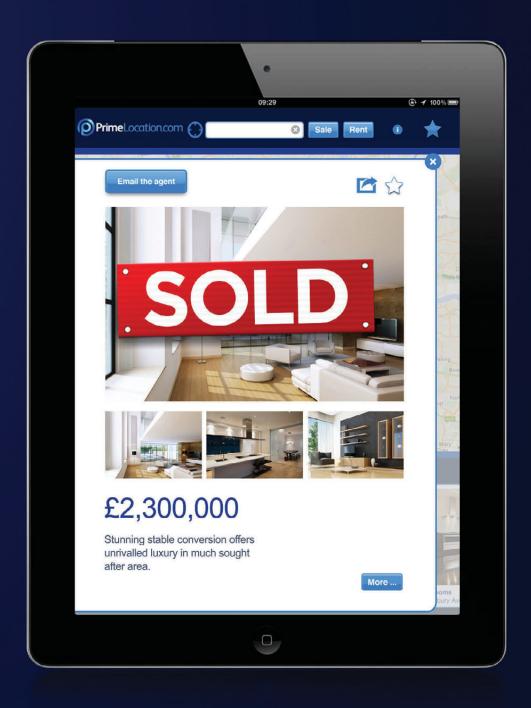




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Leading London estate agent Douglas & Gordon is preparing to close all of its 19 offices for the third annual Kids Company Charity Day. On Thursday 6th December, staff will be taking to the streets to collect as many donations of toys and non-perishable food to fill Christmas hampers for thousands of vulnerable children in London.

Ivor Dickinson, Douglas & Gordan's Managing Director, commented: "Last year was our most successful Kids Company Day; we helped to collect eight tonnes in non perishable food, one thousand brand new toys and over \$8,500 in donations which created hampers hand delivered to London's vulnerable families and children over the Christmas period."

He added: "This year, with your help, we are hoping to beat this and collect ten tonnes of food and toys to fill even more Christmas Hampers. We are really hoping that homeowners will once again get behind this very worthwhile cause and give generously in any way they can. So if your property is in D&G Land, start putting any spare, nonperishable food aside now so that you are prepared when we knock on your door on December 6th."

Donations can either be dropped off in advance to any of the Douglas & Gordon branches on Thursday 6th December or alternatively staff at Kensington and Notting Hill offices will be visiting as many streets as possible. Suggested non-perishable items include rice, pasta, jams, tinned foods, breakfast cereals, biscuits, fruit juices and most heartbreaking of all, baby food. You can also donate by texting 'KIDSHELP' to 70700 (£5 will be deducted from your phone bill) or by visiting the Kids Company Wish List (Gift List Number 525473 at johnlewisgiftlist.com)

Please visit the Kids Company website for more information: kidsco.org.uk
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Don't hang around, the 3rd Annual D&G+ Kids Company Charity Day is rapidly approaching and we would greatly appreciate your sterling help once again.

We will be visiting every street in the D&G area, so if you would like to donate please start putting your non-perishable food and any new, packaged toys aside and our teams will come to your door to collect them. Alternatively, if you could make our collection buckets a little heavier with spare change, that would certainly help!

If you're not in on the day your local D&G office will happily accept any donations from now until the big day.



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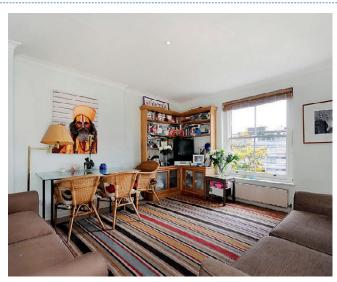


£849,950 Leasehold Park Walk SW10

A two bed two bath flat beautifully updated and featuring a large dining hall as well as a big reception room.

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£995 per week Unfurnished Guildhouse Street SW1V

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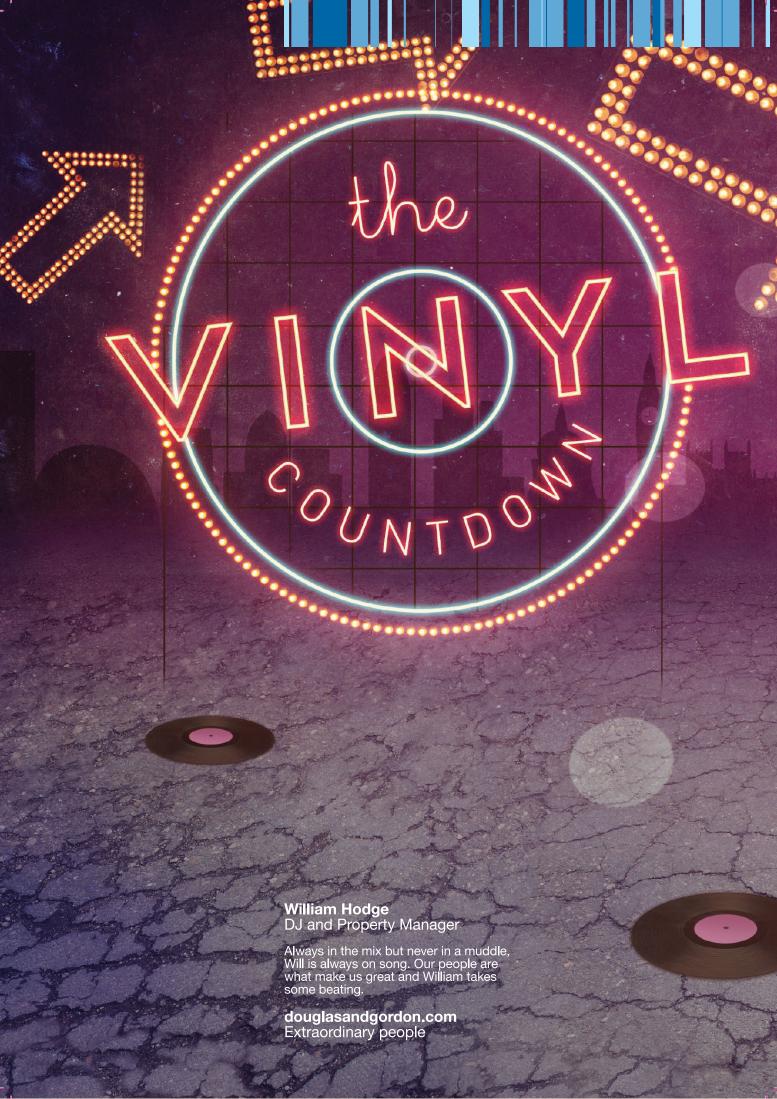


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